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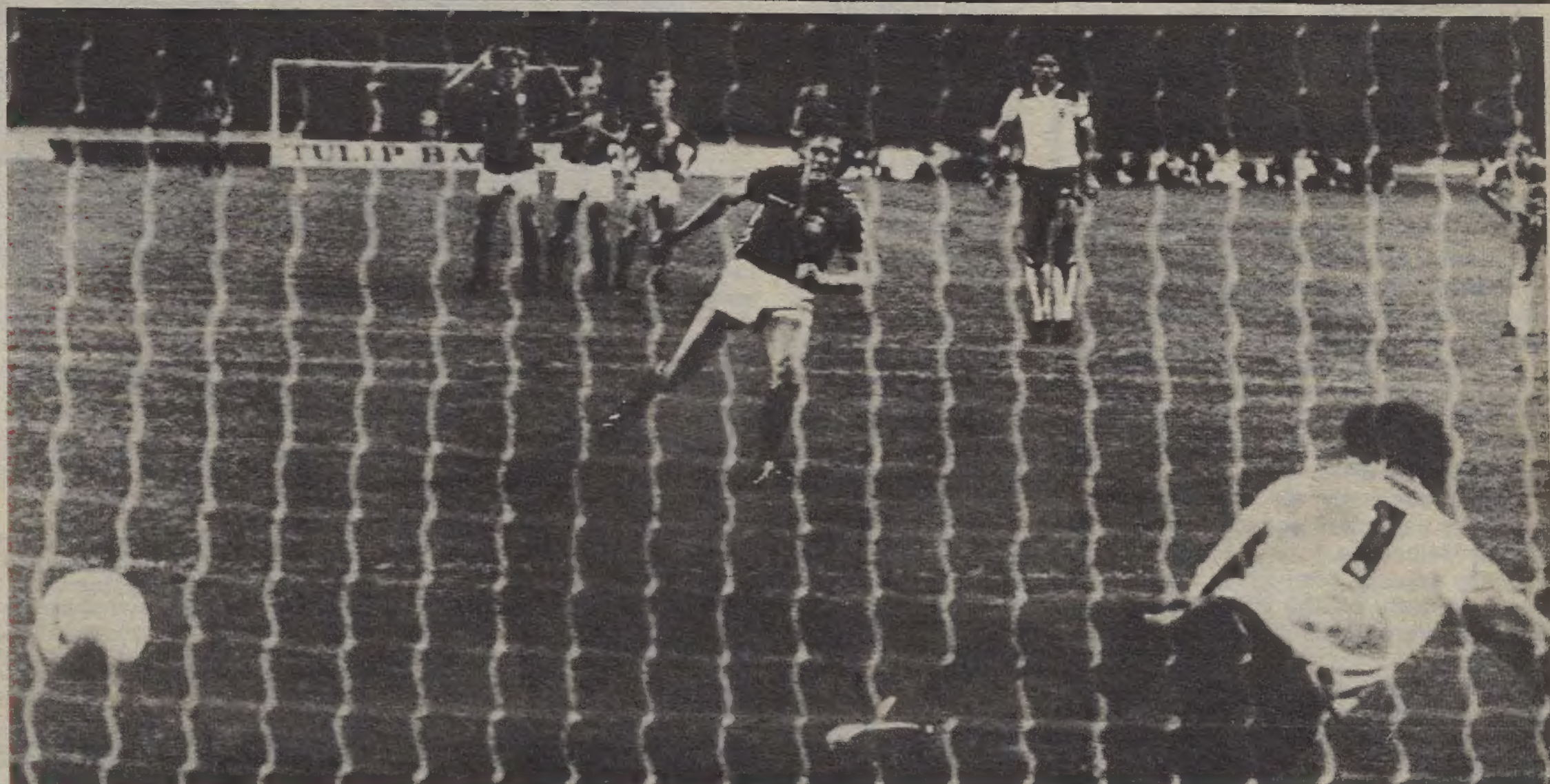
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THE UPSET GOAL

Peter Shilton dives to his right but the ball goes to his left... and that is how Denmark beat England at Wembley with a penalty kick taken by Simonsen. Full story about the 'Great Danes' on page 19



Maradona on the operating table in Barcelona.

DIEGO DISASTER

THERE are grave doubts about the future of the world's most expensive footballer, Argentina's Diego Maradona.

Playing for Barcelona against Atletico Bilbao last weekend, Maradona was tripped by a Bilbao opponent and his ankle was broken.

The injury required two hours of surgery in a Barcelona clinic.

Maradona has been ruled out of football for at least four months

and his many admirers hope the injury does not shatter his career completely.

USA, HERE WE COME!

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEWCASTLE KB United will embark on a tour of the United States next month to compete in a prestigious six-a-side indoor Soccer competition.

Newcastle will have the chance of competing for cash prizes totalling \$65,000 in the tournament, which will be staged at the fabulous indoor arena owned by the San Diego Sockers.

The tournament is being staged in California, and the other teams competing are: San Diego Sockers (current North American Soccer League indoor champions); Golden Bay Earthquakes (a

St Jose NASL team); 3.V.K. Haken (currently the Swedish National Indoor champions).

The tournament will be televised live in Sweden.

Newcastle United's super-coach, Kenny Kaiser, released these details to ASW and is highly excited about the tour.

"It is the most prestigious tournament

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MELITA LASH ASF

MELITA EAGLES secretary Laurie Dimech this week lashed out at the Australian Soccer Federation's rules on district names reports **ANDREW PASCHALIDIS**

The ruling states that all applicants for the NSL must have a district name first. However, an ethnic name can be used in ethnic newspapers. Dimech outlined his club's disappointment.

"We are not against changing our name but are against being forced to change it so we can apply for the NSL. We will change our name as long as the laws are equally obeyed by all teams.

"If we don't change our name, we won't be accepted: rules state you have to use a district name first.

"The surprising aspect about this is that a club can use its ethnic name in an ethnic newspaper. Where is the logic in that?" Dimech asked.

Melita Eagles is a NSW State League club with a proud history, developed through years of hard work and organisation. It is this historical background which upsets Laurie Dimech.

"Melita Eagles are part of Soccer history in the NSW State League. We don't think we have to

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PENRITH BLAST FROM MANLY

BY DAVID JACK

MANLY WARRINGAH president George Dick has blasted Penrith's bid for a place in the National Soccer League, claiming it is based on "blatant political pressure."

Assuming Melita, Croatia and Blacktown are all accepted in the New South Wales division of the new NSL, only one place is available in the proposed 12-team competition.

"It will be a travesty of justice if Penrith get that place," said Dick.

"No club can go into the NSL on promises of finance. It happened a few years ago with Wollongong and look what happened to them."

(This year, Wollongong have twice suspended payment to their players because of the cash shortage.)

Manly are not the only club in the NSW first division resenting the push to promote Penrith.

Some insist promotion must be won on the field and it would be quite unfair if a team like Penrith jumped from second division to the National League without even

playing in the first division.

NSW Federation president Karel Rodny said some time ago that his executive would not back an application from a second division club.

Manly have a reasonable case for inclusion in the new national set-up.

They have a very good home ground — which they own — at Dee Why. Their licensed club adjoining the main playing pitch should be completed in a month. But, above all, the area is crying out for top Soccer.

"There is nothing north of the harbour. You could draw a line from Leichhardt to Castle Hill and east to the Pacific... with not one NSL team in the area," said Manly's president.

"If Penrith get the nod ahead of Manly, you would have far too many senior clubs in one district."

"Add Penrith to Croatia, Blacktown (two clubs), Parramatta City, Melita, Polonia and Marconi — it's too much," said George Dick.

EDITORIAL

IT'S QUITE amazing how a team's fortunes can change following a switch of coaches.

This has been made very obvious during the 1983 National Soccer League competition.

Take the case of just two clubs, South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic.

South Melbourne dumped Rasic, replacing him with Len McKendry; at Sydney Olympic, Manfred Schaefer moved in as replacement for Tommy Docherty.

Ever since McKendry's arrival, South Melbourne's results have improved dramatically.

From being also-rans in the NSL, they are now putting in a challenge for the championship.

As for Sydney Olympic, they have had two wins and a draw under Schaefer, a run of success which some Olympic fans claim is unheard of in the club's history!

It would be easy to take these events at face value and proclaim that Rasic and Docherty are bad coaches while McKendry and Schaefer are top men.

Indeed, many supporters of South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic are convinced this is true.

But Soccer is not as simplistic as that. It is not all clear black and white, good and bad. There are many grey areas which affect the performances of all teams.

Rasic obviously did much to bring together a talented squad of players at South Melbourne.

Many experts, pre-season, tipped the team to carry off the NSL title, so impressed were they with South's playing strength.

In the event, the players did not produce their true form under Rasic but, since the McKendry takeover, they have magically recovered their missing magic.

Should the coach be entirely blamed for this team's poor performances? Or could it be that the players were the real guilty party?

It is a question which should be pondered. There is no simple answer — no black and white but plenty of grey.

And is the semi-revival at Sydney Olympic a true indication that Tommy Docherty is a dud coach?

Many Olympic fans imagine this to be the case. I cannot go along with them.

Docherty was rated, for many years, one of the greatest club bosses in England. You have to be pretty good to attain that sort of status in a country where there always 20 or more men chasing every position which becomes vacant.

Only a few weeks ago, The Doc was on a short list of two to take over one of Britain's most glamorous clubs, Manchester City.

Evidently the people running Manchester City hold Docherty in higher regard than the people who support Sydney Olympic.

All coaches have good years and bad years. Only very rarely does a man like Bob Paisley of Liverpool go through season after season of uninterrupted success.

In every club, the coach is a vitally important member of the staff.

He is not, however, the only person responsible for the success or failure of a team.

There are 11 players out on the park who have a much greater influence on winning and losing.

Sadly, this is forgotten as the undignified game of "musical chairs" is enacted among club coaches.

BOB MEE FINED AND OUT

BY STEVE BURNS

THE ACT Referees Federation has fined top NSL referee Bob Mee \$20 and suspended him from NSL games for the remainder of the season.

His crime? Answering media enquiries after he had announced his retirement at the end of the season after 20 years in the game.

Even Soccer officials in Canberra have described the decision as "petty."

What Mee did was express disappointment for the lack of recognition for Canberra-based NSL referees — and query recent rule changes that he says add to, and don't ease, a referee's already considerable burden.

The local referees officially fined him for making unauthorised press statements.

It's no wonder with such pettiness that referees — particularly good referees — give the game away.

What's even more intriguing is that the Referees Federation in Canberra didn't attempt to take last Sunday's ACT Grand Final off Mr Mee.

He was awarded that honour by the ACT Soccer Federation — taking the appointment even in favour of the Leichhardt/Canberra Arrows

game because it has been ACT Soccer and not the NSL that has been his bread and butter for the past 13 years.

One could ask why wasn't Mr Mee also banned from handling this game?

Word has it that even if such a decision had been made, the ACT Soccer Federation would have totally ignored it.

BARRAGE FACING KAMASZ

NSL secretary Stefan Kamasz faces a barrage of questions in Canberra tonight about the new two-division format for the National League reports STEVE BURNS.

Kamasz accepted an invitation to talk about the new look approach as the Arrows VIP Dinner Club guest.

It is expected that questions will rove across the whole gambit of Australian Soccer but hone in on the National League.

Canberra's role in the new approach is far from understood by local fans.

Said Arrows' administrator Karen Grega: "we are hoping for a good roll up."

"After all this is the best opportunity local fans will have to get their questions answered."

MELITA LASH ASF

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change our name at this stage of our existence.

"We won this year's NSW State League Championship with the Melita Eagles name and whoever formulates the rules is trying to kill Soccer history," Dimech concluded.

POTTED PREVIEW By Chrystal Ball

If you're from New South Wales, there's a feast of NSL football next weekend. Marconi v Sydney City is big attraction as is St George against Leichhardt. Olympic v South Melbourne could be even better while the battle of the steel cities between Wolves and KB at the Showground looks like Newcastle's final fling for the championship.

Melbourne folk not so lucky — Footscray v West Adelaide and Heidelberg v Preston won't smash the gate receipts records. Forecasts? Heidelberg, St George, KB, Slickers and Footscray will all win — leaving three other games as draws.

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

Heidelberg -v- Preston
St. George -v- Leichhardt
Wollongong City -v- Newcastle KB
Brisbane Lions -v- Canberra City
Marconi -v- Sydney City
Sydney Olympic -v- South Melbourne
Footscray -v- West Adelaide
Adelaide City -v- Brisbane City

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	FA	PI	W	D	L	FA	PI	W	D	L	FA	PI		
1. SYDNEY CITY	26	13	8	5	39-26	47	10	4	0	25-5	34	3	4	5	14-21	13		
2. PRESTON	26	13	7	6	41-27	46	9	2	2	27-12	29	4	5	4	14-15	17		
3. NEWCASTLE	26	13	6	7	40-20	45	6	4	3	18-7	22	7	2	4	22-13	23		
4. ST. GEORGE	26	12	9	5	37-23	45	6	5	1	17-8	23	6	4	4	20-15	22		
5. STH MELBOURNE	26	13	5	8	38-33	44	7	3	4	20-17	24	6	2	4	18-16	20		
6. SYDNEY OLYMPIC	26	11	5	10	36-29	38	5	3	5	20-16	18	6	2	5	16-13	20		
7. LEICHHARDT	26	11	4	11	39-30	37	9	2	2	26-9	29	2	2	9	13-21	8		
8. MARCONI	26	9	9	8	38-33	36	6	4	3	23-17	22	3	5	5	15-16	14		
9. BRISBANE CITY	26	8	9	9	31-39	33	4	5	4	19-20	17	4	4	5	12-19	16		
10. CANBERRA CITY	26	9	5	12	39-43	32	7	3	3	25-13	24	2	2	9	14-30	8		
11. FOOTSCRAY	26	9	8	9	22-35	32	5	4	4	14-19	19	3	4	6	7-17	13		
12. HEIDELBERG	26	7	10	9	27-33	31	6	2	4	16-12	20	1	8	5	11-21	11		
13. ADELAIDE CITY	27	8	6	13	31-36	30	5	3	5	16-16	18	3	3	8	15-20	12		
14. WEST ADELAIDE	26	5	12	9	21-31	27	4	6	4	15-17	18	1	6	5	6-14	9		
15. WOLLONGONG	27	3	13	11	36-52	22	1	9	3	16-17	12	2	4	8	20-35	10		
16. BRISBANE LIONS	26	5	6	15	31-54	21	5	2	6	22-21	17	0	4	9	9-33	4		



Stefan Kamasz.

NEWCASTLE-USA TOUR -from page 1

that Newcastle has participated in, and all my players have undertaken to raise the entire funds necessary for the trip to California and Hawaii. No club funds will be used for this trip.

"The trip is a just reward for the magnificent effort that my players have given all year. I believe it will provide most valuable international experience for our younger players, who are looking to gain permanent berths in the senior NSL squad next year," Kaiser said.

Since last June all the players and the coaching staff have been raising money to cover the cost of the tour and are now close to their target of \$14,000. This has been raised through various functions, including monster raffles, fashion parades, drink stalls and entertainment evenings.

The tournament consists of two double-header evenings on November 3rd and 5th, with the two winners and two losers meeting on the second night. The cash prizes are: \$25,000 (first), \$17,000 (second), \$13,000 (third), \$10,000 (fourth).

The San Diego Sockers have guaranteed Newcastle KB \$10,000 minimum prize money and will pay all the expenses for five days in San Diego. Every Newcastle player will contribute approximately \$400 to a kitty to make up the total of some \$34,000 needed for the complete tour.

Kaiser told us: "Any extra prize money we may win will be split among the players and we are currently negotiating to play an extra match against the Los Angeles Aztecs as a lead up to this tournament."

The itinerary kicks-off on October 27 and ends on November 11. It includes: flying to Los Angeles and spending four days, including visiting Disneyland. Then five days in San Diego for the tournament, then back to Los Angeles to pick up a flight to Honolulu and spending three days at Waikiki Beach before finally heading back to Australia.

Interested Soccer fans who wish to accompany Newcastle KB to the States, should contact Jayes Travel Centres on 049-262000.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

ADELAIDE CITY 2, (Mullen, Villani) HEIDELBERG 4, (MacLeod, Valentine, Lea, Campbell).

At Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 1,800.

FOOTSCRAY 0, ST. GEORGE 1, (Barton). At Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 3,000.

SYDNEY CITY 3, (Kosmina, O'Connor, Boden) PRESTON 0. At Athletic Field. Crowd: 2,035.

STH. MELBOURNE 1 (Brown). WEST ADELAIDE 0. At Middle Park. Crowd: 4,000.

CANBERRA CITY 1 (T. Byrne), LEICHHARDT 0. At Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,700.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Patikas 2, Patalis), WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Willis 2, O'Connor). At St. George Stadium. Crowd: 2,700.

MARCONI 0, BRISBANE CITY 0. At Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,417.

BRISBANE LIONS 1, (Niven) NEWCASTLE 2, (Senkalski 2). At Richlands. Crowd: 200.



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Soccer Master SERIOUSLY ILL

UNCLE JOE VLASITS, the former Australian World Cup coach, is seriously ill in Westmead Hospital, Sydney.

The 62 year old Soccer master was rushed to hos-

pital by ambulance after collapsing at his home. Joe has been ill for a long time with bronchial asthma, as well as having a kidney ailment.

At one stage it looked

as if he would require surgery for a kidney transplant, but now he connects himself to a dialysis machine three times a week.

Last Saturday night, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY upon learning of Joe Vlasits condition, went to the hospital to visit him.

Although very weak, within minutes the patient livened up smartly and wanted to know all about Sydney City's match against Preston that afternoon.

The former Hungarian international, warned ASW: "Don't ignore Newcastle, St George or even South Melbourne for the NSL title. They will threaten Eddie Thomson over the last four rounds even though he is a fine coach."

Uncle Joe, one of Australia's best Soccer ambassadors, is best known for fathering the Canterbury "Babes" in the 1960's and taking over the Australian team from 1967 to 1970, missing out on qualifying for the Mexico World Cup Finals by one solitary goal.

On behalf of all our readers, ASW wishes Uncle Joe a speedy recovery.

JOHN ECONOMOS

BEOGRAD BIDS FOR NSL SPOT

BY TOM McKAIN

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN League and Cup champions Beograd have launched a concentrated push to be admitted to the National League next year.

They have joined Azzurri as S.A. contenders, although the letter made it clear that while they will apply, they do not think they will be admitted.

"It's a closed shop," said secretary Ted Iuliano.

"Victoria and NSW have got the super leagues they wanted."

"Two Adelaide and two Brisbane teams are there just so it can be called a national competition."

However, Azzurri may also come out fighting now that Beograd is determined to break down the interstate monopoly.

"We will be calling on West Adelaide and Adelaide City to support our efforts," said Beograd promotions manager Mike Dumanovic.

"The more derby games there are, the better for everyone."

"Why should NSW and Victoria supply so many teams?"

"While we think two more Adelaide teams should be admitted, we are willing to take part in a qualifying play-off series with any of the new Victorian clubs."

Beograd coach Zoran Matic, who played for Adelaide City and has also been on their coaching staff, has been one of the prime movers in Beograd's bid to make the NSL.

"West Adelaide has won a National League title, and Adelaide City the Cup," he said.

"The Victorians have won nothing, and the Sydney scene has been dominated by Sydney City with four League titles, so why shouldn't S.A. have two more teams?"

Dumanovic said the

club had two major sponsors to back Beograd, and the committee had worked out a budget which would take the club through a season without becoming bankrupt.

"We've done our homework, and while we will have to play it very cool on the cash front, we will be able to survive," he said.

"Players will not be paid fortunes, or promised huge wages, but we will make it worth their while to play for us."

Beograd, who operate out of the Woodville suburb of Adelaide, has the support of its local council, which is studying plans for the erection of a grandstand at the Woodville West Reserve ground.

Beograd already has attractive clubrooms and will have new change rooms built

BIG THREE IN SYDNEY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEXT WEEKEND, Sydney will stage three NSL matches, all with heavy bearing on the 1983 Championship.

Leading contenders for the title are Eddie Thomson from Sydney City (current title-holder), St George's Frank Arok while South Melbourne's Len McKendry hasn't given up hope yet.

SAINTS Vs LEICHHARDT

Next Friday night, Arok's Saints take on Leichhardt at the St George Stadium and they will be looking for maximum points after grabbing all three from Footscray in Melbourne last Sunday.

Kick-off for this match is set down for 8pm.

Leichhardt's strength this year has come from their veteran midfield general, Terry Butler, who has been calling the shots with wonderful back-up on the left from Peter Tredinnick, easily one of the best improvers in the NSL this season.

Butler however, will miss this match, having been sent off last Saturday night in the Canberra Arrows game. His position could be taken by crack-striker, Johnny Bradley, no stranger to the "gear-box".

St George's attack once again will be lead by another veteran, Dez Marton, with the classy sweeper, David Ratcliffe, marshalling the defence against Leichhardt's pacey strikers featuring Peter Sharne.

An interesting curtain raiser has been arranged for this night match. The veteran teams of St George and APIA from the late sixties will clash, and the line-ups will include names such as Manfred Schaefer, Adrian Alston, Doug Utjesenovic, Vic Fernandez, Frank Laing, Tibby Zuckerman, Fil Bottalico, Ernie Campbell and Billy Rorke. Kick-off is set down for 6.15pm.

MARCONI Vs SYDNEY CITY

Sydney City face a theoretically stiff hurdle when they travel to do battle with Marconi next Sunday at the Marconi Stadium.

But Marconi, on more than one occasion this season, has baffled fans with some inconsistent results. Despite having a galaxy of stars in Henderson, Budini, Sermani, Jankovics, McCulloch, Hunter and their electrifying "flanker", Rene Licata, Marconi has dropped points most unexpectedly.

Doug Collins has done some marvellous work with players of the likes of Licata, McCulloch, Brown and Rizzotto and could still threaten Eddie Thomson who is now shooting for his fourth consecutive NSL title.

Thomson said last night: "Now that we have hit the lead it is a good feeling as from this point our destiny is entirely in our control and we do NOT have to rely on other teams to do the job for us."

Don't be surprised if the magic of Kenny Boden (rarely seen in the Sydney City line-ups this year), turns the tide for the champs in this one.

Boden is class par excellence.

OLYMPIC Vs SOUTH MELBOURNE

Sydney Olympic will have to treat South Melbourne with far more respect than they showed last Sunday against Wollongong when they take on the Victorians at the St George Stadium next Sunday.

Hitting the front 2-nil after just 17 minutes against Wollongong last week, Olympic relinquished control of the match with some irresponsible play in both attack and defence, allowing Wollongong to get up off the canvas (with two men short), and steal a draw.

Len McKendry has plenty to fight for in this one as mathematically he can still crack the NSL title for 1983.

Souths twin-strikers, Doug Brown and Charlie Egan, have hit the target 22 times out of a team-total of 38 goals.

An interesting battle will focus on two of Australia's 1981 World Youth players in the midfield where Oscar Crino will be opposed by Sydney Olympic's Peter Raskopoulos.

Both these players have matured enormously since October 1981 and both can turn a match their way almost single-handed with their precise distribution to their front-men.

Olympic's central defender, ex-Sunderland's Mike Coady, has had three excellent games over the last three weeks and is an inspiration to his younger teammates, despite his quiet manner. He is a "quiet-achiever" in the real sense of the word.

WALLACE BLAMES SALE OF PLAYERS

BY PHIL MURPHY

"SUPPORTER POWER" has claimed another victim — exit Wollongong City coach Willie Wallace.

Wallace refutes claims that he resigned the position. "I was told the club will be advertising for a coach next season and concluded they don't require my services," he said.

The Scot, an idol of Celtic and Scotland fans in his playing days, never gained the same respect from the Soccer public of Wollongong in his coaching role.

Wallace's main problem when at Wollongong was that he didn't have the playing staff to compete even with middle-of-the-table clubs.

When he took over from Ken Morton towards the end of the 1982 season, Wallace had a team that was third on the NSL ladder and would probably have gone close to winning the title this year.

Unfortunately, the likes of Arno Bertogna, Peter Tredinnick and Lee Adam decided to go elsewhere and no team can afford to lose this kind of talent and not replace it.



Bertogna

Wollongong struggled from their first game and the cold, hard facts are that they didn't have any money to buy even one class player.

"They told me they would be replacing the three players we lost but it never happened and we had to battle on by throwing youth team players in regularly," Wallace said.

"Some of the boys have done well and that is some satisfaction to me but no coach can get results under those conditions."



SUNDAY OCT. 2ND

"WHEN GREEK

MEETS GREEK"

KICK-OFF 3 PM

ST GEORGE STADIUM

SYDNEY OLYMPIC Vs STH MELBOURNE



Gary Phillips



MANFRED SCHAEFER



LEN McKENDRY



XANTHOPOULOS



JIM PATIKAS



RASKOPOULOS



MARSHALL SOPER



STEVE BLAIR



ALAN DAVIDSON



OSCAR CRINO



Action from last Sunday's Brisbane Lions and Newcastle clash. Stewart (Lions) outjumps the obscured Mason (Newcastle).

15 APPLY TO CATCH LIONS

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS president John Morcus has given a vote of confidence to the club's National League coach, Simon Kistemaker, despite yet another defeat which left the side cemented at the bottom of the table.

"If Simon wants to stay, I will get the support required to keep him here," Morcus said following Lions' unlucky 2-1 loss to Newcastle at Richlands.

Lions have received 15 applications for the NSL coaching job following Kistemaker's announcement more than a month ago that he was quitting the club to take up an offer with Belgian second division club, Turnhout.

Since then, several influential committeemen, including Morcus, have been working behind the scenes in an attempt to change the Dutchman's mind.

Things seem to be working — at least off the field. On the field it is a different matter though, and against Newcastle, Lions — as they have all season — failed to put away their chances.

Following a scrappy first half, Lions swung into action in the second period and pinned Newcastle in their own half.

The team is struggling to score, witnessed by the fact that their goal in this game came from a penalty.

That was a somewhat controversial decision after a push on Alan Hunter, who was switched from stopper to striker to give Lions a target man up front.

Hunter expertly put the kick away, one of the few Lions put on target all day.

Newcastle had only a limited number of chances but made the most of them all.

Joe Senkalski's opening goal in the 36th minute was a gem.

The former Soccerro expertly turned John Stewart, who had a far from happy game, then picked his spot in the far corner and delightfully floated the ball into the net, well out of reach of Lions'keeper, Brett Beves.

And the talented midfielder was given a gift seconds before half-time.

Lions conceded a freekick just outside their penalty box. Beves seemed to stay behind the wall which gave Senkalski a dream opening on the far side of the goal.

He picked his spot and coolly slotted the ball in.

Lion's penalty came 12 minutes into the second half and it spurred a revival by the home side.

And in response, Newcastle's David Lowe, carrying an ankle injury, was very quiet, as was David Jones and Grant Lee.

But after the 2-1 victory, Newcastle's Ken Kaiser summed it up when he said: "Soccer is habit-forming. We are in the habit of winning, and sadly for Lions, they are in the habit of losing."

LIONS: Beves, McSkimming, Vasquez, Hunter, Niven, Hogg, R Stewart, Vincent, J Stewart (McClurg 79) Anderson, Wright.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier (Kerby 79), Tredinick, Burke, Watson, Senkalski, Mason, Jones, Lee, Lowe, Mountford.

REFEREE: Bill Monteverde.

STEVE GOES OVER FENCE

BY DAVID JACK

WOLLONGONG WOLVES' Steve Pollard produced the biggest sensation in an afternoon of sensations at St George Stadium.

Sent off by referee Peter Rampley in the 57th minute, Pollard was about to enter the tunnel to the dressing room when he suddenly jumped over the fence to mix things with a Sydney Olympic spectator.

It was Soccer's version of the old newspaper headline "MAN BITES DOG."

It's not unusual for fans to attack players but when a player attacks the fans... that's something quite new in my experience.

Pollard claims he was hit on the leg by a loaded beer can and, spotting the spectator who threw the can, he went over the top to exact his revenge.

At least Pollard showed he is not short on courage. His action could have been suicidal.

There is sure to be an investigation by the National Soccer League. But whatever comes of that, this goes down as yet another unfortunate happening in a season which has bedevilled Sydney Olympic with controversy.

Wollongong president Laurie Kelly philosophically summed up Pollard's action when he said, "If somebody jobs you, you job them back!"

Wolves secretary John Vlietstra verbally lashed the Olympic fans, claiming that, whenever there was trouble in Soccer, it usually involved them. "They're the worst mob in the game," said Vlietstra.

Pollard was not the only Wollongong player to be sent off. Rampley also despatched Jim McBreen to the dressing room, forcing the visitors to finish the match with only nine men.

In the circumstances, they did remarkably well to get a 3-3 draw, even though Olympic looked the better side and should have won comfortably.

Wolves three goals were scored through a penalty kick and a free kick from Peter Willis plus a weird goal from near the touchline by Phil O'Connor.

As O'Connor swung the ball towards goal, McBreen moved in front of goalkeeper Gary Meier who lost sight of the ball completely.

In contrast, Olympic's goals were gems. Jim Patikas, showing much improved form, scored two of them and Terry Patalis the other.

But Olympic dropped two precious points because they wasted several other very good scoring chances.

Chief culprit was Marshall Soper. The big fellow might have finished up with three goals to his name. Instead, he didn't score at all.

It was an interesting afternoon, to say the least. Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer refused to say anything after it was all over. Perhaps the strains and stresses of coaching this controversial team are already getting to Manfred.



A header from Terry Patalis leaves Wollongong's defence in a heap as Sydney Olympic shoot into a 2-0 lead at St George Stadium.

TWO SENT OFF AT BRUCE STADIUM

BY STEVE BURNS

CANBERRA, in a gutsy overall team performance, rocked favourites Leichhardt with a deserved 1-0 victory under Bruce Stadium's floodlights on Saturday night.

Despite the small 1,280 crowd, it was a thoroughly entertaining game with long spells of deft attacking movements, creative flair and plenty of goal-mouth action.

Leichhardt created the greater number of chances but failed to convert them.

vert them.

Canberra was particularly well served by midfielder Terry Byrne, certainly the hero of the hour by virtue of grabbing the match-winner in the 19th minute and making an incredible series of goal-line saves in the second half.

It was also good to see George Christopoulos instantly back to almost his best form after missing nearly half the season with a serious leg injury.

Leichhardt's best players were Terry Butler, goalkeeper Bobby Parkes and Peter Tredinnick.

Tragically Butler, so vital a player for Leichhardt, was involved in an off-the-ball altercation with Canberra's Ian Gibson just 10 minutes from

time and both got their marching orders and will automatically miss next weekend's game.

Canberra, showing much more punch up front with a three-man forward line, looked strong as Donald MacLaren made a fine return to the team.

The early action was thick and fast with Leichhardt forcing two corners inside the first two minutes — and then missing a great early chance when Byrne miscued and sent the ball straight to Walter Valeri.

Valeri, from 16 metres, in a one-to-one situation, hit the ball first time a metre wide.

However, Byrne made amends with his 19th minute

GARY SPROUL WAS HERO OF MATCH

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

WEST ADELAIDE goalkeeper Gary Sproul emerged the hero of the "Greek Derby" at Melbourne's Middle Park.

In spite of the pain and agony of a badly damaged back muscle, Sproul made some brilliant saves to restrict South Melbourne to a narrow 1-0 win.

Star forward Doug Brown shared the limelight, scoring the solitary goal of the memorable encounter, that enabled him to draw level with Olympic's Marshall Soper on the top spot of the goalscorers chart.

South Melbourne created a glut of opportunities but only managed to net once.

West Adelaide surprised their opponents with their attacking formation that saw them playing with three defenders for most of the game, though aware of South Melbourne's tactics of constant attacking.

The home team penetrated all day long without particular difficulty and it also added to the problems of Westad's key defenders.

It was no wonder that three of South Melbourne's clear-cut scoring opportunities came from vital defensive errors in the most crucial stages of the game.

Westad's defence found it difficult to deal with aggressive Doug Brown, tireless worker Charlie Egan and and midfield prime-mover Kenny Murphy.

Egan beat John Papazoglou regularly: Brown evaded their defence with remarkable ease for most of the afternoon and Murphy kept tearing gaps in the thin defence.

Brown netted after 27 minutes with a powerful shot from close-range that gave Sproul no opportunity to react. The goalkeeper had damaged a back muscle a minute before in a spectacular dive to clear a Crino header off his line.

West Adelaide's only scoring opportunity came in the 75th minute when Graham Honeyman connected with a Terry Brown cross and hammered the ball only to see it deflected off the line by agile Peter Laumets.

West Adelaide's new coach, Peter Koullizos admitted after the game: "My team was extremely lucky to get away with one goal only."

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Davidson, Yzendoorn, Blair, Halford, Crino, Murphy, Brown, Wooddin, Egan.

WESTAD: Sproul, Papazoglou, Amey, Hiern, Dunn, McGregor (Konstandopoulos 75), Heys, Atsalas, Brown, Honeyman, Doorne.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas
CROWD: 4,500.

nute match-winning goal when he timed his run perfectly to crack home a waist-high free kick from Ian Gibson.

Leichhardt hit back and created two solid chances between the 25th and 28th minutes but missed both.

With Canberra's goalkeeper Chris Hummel out of position, Ian Gray slammed his shot into the side netting and Sharne, after Hummel stumbled, had virtually an open goal but fired wide.

Sharne, in fact, had a disastrous game and was substituted in the 65th minute.

The second half saw both sides create chances with Canberra's MacLaren and Leichhardt's Bradley both going close.

CANBERRA: Hummel, Murray, Ambrosino, Byrne, Young, Gibson, Christopoulos, Bryant, Brennan, Farina, MacLaren.

LEICHHARDT: Parkes, Gray, Mariani, Bertogna, Brown, Bottalico, Tredinnick, Butler, Valeri, Bradley, Sharne (Morson 65).

REFEREE: G. Davies.
CROWD: 1,280.

ROUND UP

EDDIE THOMSON'S Sydney City hit the lead on the NSL ladder for the first time this season when they crushed leaders Preston 3-0 at the Sydney Athletic Field.

This was the match which was going to sort out the men from the boys, with Thomson making his bid to crack his fourth championship in four years.

We didn't have long to wait for the first goal as Sydney City's left flank man, Willie Murray, set sail up the touchline in the fifth minute, ducking and weaving his way into the box, beating no fewer than five Preston players.

Murray ended his raid with a low cross for John Kosmina to crash home the goal from short range.

Just six minutes later, Sydney City scored again when, from a Joe Watson corner, giant centre-back Steve O'Connor climbed well above Preston defenders to smash his header into the net.

Goalkeeper Richard Wilson did manage to get his fingers to the ball but could not prevent the goal.

There were no more go-

SLICKERS TAKEOVER AT TOP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

als before half-time, and although the match started in spectacular fashion, it soon degenerated into a drab exhibition, especially by Preston as the onus was on them to press.

Preston skipper-coach Peter Ollerton took himself off at half-time and brought on Isaac Farrell.

The Victorians' giant midfielder and excellent footballer Zarko Odzakovic looked most lethargic and never rated in the match till the last 10 minutes.

Maybe Sydney City's powerful midfielder Murray Barnes had a lot to do with this as Barnes exerted much pressure on the Preston general.

In the 71st minute, Sydney City's magical striker Ken Boden busted his

way up the flank, ending with a spectacular goal when he unleashed a 20 metre left-footed drive that hit the target.

Joe Watson and Willie Murray caused repeated havoc on both touchlines with their uncanny ball skills that left many a Preston defender struggling.

After the match, Sydney City coach Thomson smilingly remarked: "I'm happy now we've hit the lead on the table but believe me, it is not over.

Even now, Preston, Newcastle, St George and South Melbourne can crack it. However it's nice for us to have control of our destiny from now on and not to rely on other teams doing the job for us."



Peter Ollerton (Preston) gets his foot to the ball but, from the look on Kevin Mullen's face, it's going to be a Sydney City ball.

Stars for the home team were Murray, Watson, Barnes, Boden and Kay while for the losers, nobody impressed in a match which could have cemented their 1983 NSL title.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Mullen, O'Connor, Robertson, Cant, Watson.

Kay, Barnes, Kosmina, Boden, Murray.

PRESTON: Wilson, Petrovski, Jones, Ollerton (Farrell 46), Opasinas, Flavell, Ilioski, Odzakovic, Campbell, McMillan, Lucchesi.

REFEREE: D. Rennie. CROWD: 2,035.

ROUND UP

NIGHTMARE COLLAPSE

BY TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE CITY collapsed in a miserable heap at the Olympic Sports Field when they led Heidelberg 2-0, then lost 4-2.

While the City back-four had a nightmare appearance, but the former England Youth international, will not take found memories back to the UK.

With a defeat at Wollongong the previous week, City's players are now in the dog-house with their fans who were streaming out of the ground after the fourth goal.

But Tansey can take heart. With players like Ian McKie, McLeod and John Spanos around him, he won't go far wrong next season.

But City coach, Bobby Ferguson must be wondering what City's future is when a back-four can collapse as it did this game, and a midfield be so dominated as it was by Valentine and Campbell.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Nyskohus, Dods, Banfield, Flounders, Carter, Blair, Melta, Rankin, Mullen, Villani. HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver: McKie, McLeod, Tansey, Spanos, Valentine, Selemidis, Campbell, Patterson, Cole, Lea.

REFEREE: J. Rossis. CROWD 2,385.

Three minutes later it was little Derek Lea, who had threatened all day, who pounced on another missed ball off McNally. Cole also had a tremendous drive turned for a corner by McNally in the first half and City midfielder Sergio Melta had missed a sitter when he had only Olver to beat but put the ball wide. This was sweeper Neil

MEDIOCRE — BUT GOOD!

BY HARRY HALL

"ANY win is a good win," admitted Frank Arok after the Saints had collected three points for a mediocre performance against Footscray at Schintler Reserve.

Arok was referring to the average performance of his team against Bobby McLachlan's hard fighting troops, that enabled St George to remain in the top four.

A late goal by Mark Barton gave St George the three points, after soaking a lot of pressure in the opening half during which the application of the offside trap failed to discourage Footscray for-

wards from attacking from all directions.

The home team created enough opportunities to go into the lead early in the game but their inaccuracy with their final shots failed to produce any results.

Footscray had a midfielder star in Gary McDowell who coordinated the team throughout the game both attacking and defending

most effectively.

It was no wonder Footscray lost their composure 20 minutes before full-time when McDowell left the field with a split forehead.

Young Tony Damaskos, making his debut in the NSL for the Saints, initiated the move that resulted in Barton's goal.

The youngster came on as a substitute for Robbie Slater in the 68th minute

and soon became involved in an attack from the right which forced Footscray to retreat, as they sensed danger.

The youngster carried the ball forward and cut it square to Barton who placed it in the net five minutes from the end.

Arok praised Footscray for their fighting spirit and determination, confessing that "Footscray has always been St George's bogey-team in Melbourne."

"That's the way the game goes, and I'm certain other teams have col-

lected full points for average performances," Arok added.

FOOTSCRAY: Bolland: McDowell (Simic 72), Hazabent, Curovic, Tutill, Belic, Taylor, Carroll, Paton, O'Donnell, Lujic.

ST GEORGE: Greedy: Skeen, R.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, Barton, M.O'Shea, Slater (Danaskos 68), Stone, Petkovski, J.O'Shea, Marton.

REFEREE: S. Mellings.

CROWD: 3,000.

BRISBANE CITY NEW LOOK HOLD LEOPARDS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

USING only three field players of long standing, Brisbane City were able to hold a listless Marconi to a scoreless draw at Marconi Stadium.

Coach Jim Hermiston has deliberately set out to blood new players for 1984, and on this display he has a chance of succeeding.

But it won't be easy because it will always be a herculean task to manufacture the strike power needed to stand up to the top National League clubs.

Whilst some of the team's work was over-defensive, the players strung together some good passing sequences with Joe Cairney, Angelo Falco and Gary Bromfield leading the way.

The team was aided by

some brave goalkeeping by Kim Wishart, who played in a way that would make him a household name were he based on Sydney or Melbourne.

Dropped for the match were Bobby Hamilton, Frank Pimblett and Billy Williamson. Beforehand Hermiston accused them or not turning their undoubted skills into sheer effort and teamwork.

Missing also was suspended stopper Frank Liddell who would have been a certain selection.

Marconi certainly played lethargically. In spite of that they should have scored at least a couple of

goals from the first class chances that fell to Mark Jankovics (twice), Steve Winn, Rod Brown and Tony Henderson.

Some of their problems on the day could be attributed to playing Tommy McCulloch at left-back. This plugged a hole in defence but it robbed the midfield of some of the usual drive and smart distribution.

Brisbane City's only worthwhile shot in the first half was a great one from Gary Bromfield but it was nicely snapped up by Bruce James.

Ian Hunter put in some good work when he came

on for the injured Rod Brown.

Just after the restart Winn moved through only to have a well-executed Sermanni pass clip his heel and run to safety.

Yellow cards went to Falco and John Djordjevic as Brisbane City made a valiant attempt to win the points midway in the half.

But they reverted to a defensive pattern as Winn and Atti Carbone tried to get a home victory.

Carbone shot well and Winn managed to touch the ball before it eluded the post.

MARCONI: James,

TO A DRAW

Djordjevic, McCulloch, Henderson, Budini, Sermanni, Jankovics, Carbone, Brown (Hunter 46), Winn, Sermanni.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Kowtan, Wilkinson, Perry, Tokesi, Caird (Chapman 18), Falco, Bromfield, Glockner, Cairney, Fabrizio.

REFEREE: G. Power. CROWD: 1,417.

NSL TOP SCORERS

M. Soper (S.O.)	13
D. Brown (SM)	13
J. Bradley (L)	12
J. Kosmina (SC)	12
P. O'Connor (W)	12
J. Paton (F)	10
C. Lucchesi (P)	9
G. Ward (P)	9
C. Egan (SM)	9
D. Marton (SG)	9
R. Cotton (W)	9
S. Bryant (C)	8
B. Mountford (N)	8
R. Brown (M)	8
B. Hamilton (B.C.)	8
D. Wright (B.L.)	8

GAME SPREADS IN TAMWORTH

WOMEN'S Soccer in the Tamworth area is enjoying its most competitive season since the ladies decided to play the roundball code in mid-1980.

From the initial games in the area until the A.G.M. of 1982, the representative teams were known as the Namoi Valley. This took in an area from west of Armidale to east of Bourke in theory, but due to the immense area, the girls from Tamworth and Gunnedah only were included in the team.

The Namoi Valley women's Soccer branch applied for full membership to the Nthn. NSW Association in 1980 and joined Macquarie, Central Coast, Far North Coast and U.N.E. Armidale in competition.

Potential of women's Soccer in the area started in 1982 with the formation of one division of competition.

Eight teams from five clubs formed the initial group and included Aussies (A), Aussies (B), Aussies Under 17's, R.S.L.

Police Boys Club, Northern Companions, Hillvue and Tamworth High.

The first grand final was contested by three time consecutive winners, Aussies (A) and R.S.L. with Aussies defeating R.S.L. on penalties after a scoreless game.

As well as a weekend competition, a local high school team, Oxley High, played in the State-wide schoolgirls K.O. competition. Dreams of a country team winning the competition were shattered when they were defeated in the semi-final, 1-0 by Kirrawee High.

Soccer in the area was boosted when the 1981 Nthn. NSW State titles were held at Gosford.

Carmen McDonnell, a defender from the Namoi Valley rep. team, was

selected to play in the Australian Championships in Sydney.

Namoi Valley was asked to stage the Nthn. NSW State titles in 1982. The tournament was held at the North Tamworth sporting complex.

These titles comprised three age groups—Under 15, Under 17 and Open Age. They were refereed by the Tamworth Soccer Referees Association.

Namoi Valley finished 3rd in the Under 15, Runner-up in Under 17 and 4th in the Open Age.

The local branch was well represented in the Under 15 and Senior teams for the Nthn. NSW State squads.

Girls from the winning

Nthn. NSW side at the Under 15 Australian Championships in Melbourne that year were, J. Russ, J. Hath, M. Smith and L. Vince.

Due to the expansion of women's Soccer in the area, the delegates at the A.G.M. last year decided to alter the name to the Tamworth Women's Soccer Association.

The new executive for the 1983 season was young and enthusiastic. The four male and four female group had Soccer experience ranging from three to 15 years and three of them had represented at State level.

The newly-formed Association began the season this year with a pre-season competition sponsored by the Prudential Assurance and was arranged to attract more members to the code.

Winners of the pre-season competition were the R.S.L. team who defeated the newly formed Rangers, 6-1 after being down 0-1 at half-time.

The season proper this year was divided into two divisions with six teams in Division One and four in Division Two.

In Division One, the minor premiership was not determined until the last match of the season

with the Oxley Anchors finishing on top. A similar situation was the case in Division Two.

This year, the Open Age and Under 17 representative sides had their best year ever during the 1983 State titles in Newcastle.

The Open Age team played four games for a win against Far North Coast, a draw with Macquarie and two lost games against Armidale and Central Coast.

Tamworth players were again prominent in State selection with J. Rennshaw, P. Miller, C. McDonnell and B. Webster being selected in the Senior side; H. Gordon, K. Lambert, J. Russ, J. White selected for the Under 17 side to go to Darwin and J. White, P. Campbell and M. Smith for the Under 15 team.

The Oxley High school side bettered their 1982 effort this year and reached the final of the Schoolgirl K.O. competition only to go down to Gateshead High, 2-1 after leading 1-0.

Owen Burns, secretary of the Association, says that women's Soccer in Tamworth is now quite strong and with more recruits joining, Tamworth should soon claim to be not only the Country Music capital but also the women's Soccer centre of the north.



Alison Breen (Epping-Eastwood) struggles for possession with her larger Hills Memorial opponent in a Gladesville-Hornsby Under-14 game.

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WHILE the ageless Dez Marton took much of the credit for St George's magnificent 4-2 win at Brisbane City, coach Frank Arok believes young Robbie Slater deserved a lot of credit.

"The boy is playing exceptionally well at the moment," said Arok. "He set up the first and third goals and is proving a very penetrating striker for us."

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QUOTE of the week from West Adelaide goalkeeper Martyn Crook, currently displaced by Gary Sproul, as he took his seat in the stand for the match against Marconi.

"Do you want me to do the crowd effects?" he asked as we prepared for the 0/28 telecast in an almost empty Hindmarsh Stadium.

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COACH Doug Collins was apprehensive about Marconi's changes when he took over the team this year.

He knew he'd be without star youngsters while the Youth Socceroos were in Mexico. And he also had to go without cash which had been promised to sign new players.

Looking back, Collins says: "In the circumstances, we're going better than expected. Marconi have won the Ampol Cup and could win the National Cup — and also finish in a respectable spot in the NSL."

Collins has not been signed up by Marconi for next year but, on his record, he must have a big chance.

MARCONI, like all other NSL clubs, is not exactly flush with cash.

That being the case, you wouldn't think there would be a lot of takers for the job of Soccer committee chairman. But there are.

At last count, we understand six people were keen to have Fausto Ferrari's job.



Mickey Brennan

MICKEY BRENNAN, West Adelaide's powerhouse midfielder, may get a chance to remain in Australia.

An appeal against a decision not to grant him Australian citizenship is being discussed in Canberra.

Brennan is married with two children, has bought a house and has a job.

"I want to stay here and so does my family," he said.

"The club is trying to help and we also have a Federal Member of Parliament backing us."

AS THE 1982 "coach of the year," we must assume Eddie Thomson is one of the greatest, if not the very best, coach in the National Soccer League.

Isn't it odd, therefore, that big Eddie has not been signed up for next year by Sydney City Slickers?

Eddie told ASW he'd like to stay with the club he's guided to three successive premierships.

"I've been negotiating with them and I'll stay if I get a reasonable offer," he said.

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GOOD to see reason prevailing to switch NSL fixtures.

At least that was the case with the Canberra Arrows and Leichhardt game.

After much persuasion, that is.

Following many phone calls and discussion — and added cost — Canberra convinced Leichhardt to move the game from Sunday afternoon to Saturday night under Bruce Stadium lights.

The reason? Canberra still rates "country" television status with local fans treated to a feast of live sports coverage which included both the VFL and Rugby League grand finals. It made sense to move Soccer to Saturday night.

■ ■ ■

STORY in the Illawarra Mercury suggested Wollongong Wolves could be buying three top Sydney stars — David Skeen (St George), Graham Fletcher and Paul Kay (both Sydney City).

Their value in the transfer market would have to be around \$50,000.

How can this be consistent with Wollongong's desperate financial situation and constant battle to meet day-to-day running expenses?

It reminds us of a similar story a few weeks ago when West Adelaide listed about \$100,000 worth of top talent they'd like to sign.

Are these stories floated by clubs to gee up disgruntled fans?



David Skeen



Bottom's up as the four goalscorers and coach Frank Arok celebrate after St George had defeated Brisbane City 4-0. Pictured from left are Robbie Slater, Mark Barton, Frank Arok, Paul Wilkinson and Dez Marton.

■ ■ ■

ASW editor, David Jack created a stir in the our offices last week.

Carrying a large and well decorated trophy with him the staff of ASW were rather surprised and asked him where he had obtained the cup.

Our publisher replied for him.

"The cup was given to David by Sir Arthur George for his services to the NSL and ASF!"

Of course it was a joke. David Jack is president of ASPA (NSW division) and the cup is intended for the player of the year in NSW. It was simply in his safe custody at the time

INTERESTING crowd comparison. When Wollongong Wolves made their keenly-anticipated return to Wollongong Showground, 1,100 spectators saw them play Adelaide City in the National League.

Not far away, Warilla Wanderers played Coniston in an Illawarra District match watched by 1,320 people.

ASW offers no comment.

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NEIL BANFIELD has played his last game for Adelaide City.

The former England Youth team defender is on his way back to UK.

City failed to persuade him to stay until the end of the season, and at this stage, there is no promise from the star sweeper that he will ever return.

He was farewelled in last week's home match against Heidelberg.

A much deserved testimonial for former long serving Canberra's Arrows skipper and rugged defender Roy Stark will take place.

The date is November 5 and the venue is Bruce Stadium.

And rumour has it that many former Arrows' stars will return for the game.

It sounds like it could be quite a match — considering what a Stark all star lineup could include.

A few examples are Tony Henderson, Jimmy Cant, Sebastian Giampolo the three O'Sheas, Richard Wilson, Isaac Farrell, Stephen Hogg, and Harry Williams.

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WEST ADELAIDE could be heading for a draw record.

Before last Sunday's round (Sept 25) they had

12 draws on the board.

The record for a season is 14 by St. George in the first year of the Philips League, and 14 by Footscray last season.

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NEWCASTLE United's, David Jones found himself in a no-win situation in the match against Sydney Olympic recently, or so it was reported around the City of Newcastle. He replaced Ian Buckley and upon the linesman's instruction, ran on to the field. However referee Peter Ramplly had other ideas and seeing he hadn't given David the signal, presented him with a yellow card.

Had David ignored the linesman, he could have received the yellow card anyway for that — a charge of dissent.

Don't laugh — David isn't. He could get a week's holiday.

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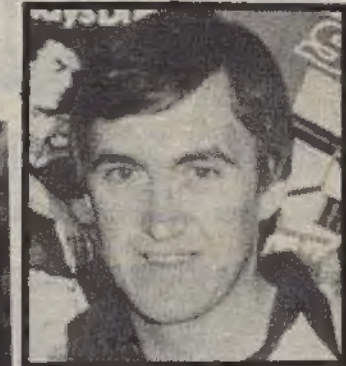
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NOSTALGIA

I HAVE enclosed an old photograph after reading of the end to the Old Crystal Palace at Wallsend.

I was saddened to hear of the demise of the wonderful Crystal Palace soccer ground at Wallsend N.S.W. (ASW Vol 4 No 147).

It is indeed the end of an era. I remember, as a young lad in the 1930's and 40's the dozen or so trams lined up at the terminus just outside the ground awaiting the end of the game. The hundreds of dedicated spectators cheering on their teams, be it Wallsend, West Wallsend, Weston, Cessnock, Cardiff, Adamstown, Lake Macquarie, Waratah, Mayfield, Lysaghts, Metters, Leichhardt-Annandale, Canterbury-Marrickville, to name a few of the teams of that era. The thrill of seeing Reggie Date, 'Quilley', Norm Quested and the then outstanding goalkeeper of the Cessnock team whose name now escapes me.

I vaguely remember the not so greats (except to me) of my uncles, Archie Baird, Jim Gregg, Stan Reay playing for the red and white Wallsend team. My father 'Fattie' Dean was, I think, manager of the old Wallsend Rovers at one time. I remember looking in awe at the little man of the Wallsend team coming into the ground with two massive chaff bags full of soccer balls. As kids would hang about in the old canal running down one side of Crystal Palace and 'fox' the balls kicked over the old wooden fence enclosing the ground. This would gain us free admission to the ground.

Inside, the wooden grandstand would be packed to capacity even though it cost more to sit up there. The plank seats surrounding the playing field would also be filled, but you could stand on the higher ground behind these seats. The seats were only a meter or two away from the sideline and the atmosphere was terrific, as was the penny or threepenny meat pies you could buy at half time. These are memories of the old ground I will cherish forever.

Myself, I left Wallsend in the late 1940's and have lived in Canberra ever since. I played in the old Royal Military College (or as it was known then), the Duntroon Staff Team in the early 50's until I took up the whistle around 1955. I am now a life member of the ACT Soccer Referees Association, have refereed for around twenty or so years and been a foundation member and past president of that association.

My memories of soccer are long, mostly happy, now and then a little tainted, but I am never sorry I chose that sport.

Aur revoir Crystal Palace, live on soccer.

L. DEAN
Dickson, A.C.T.



Wallsend Soccer Club 1st division stalwarts: Dad, standing first left, uncle Archie Baird, kneeling far right and, third left, uncle Stan 'Skit' Ray. Sitting, second left, uncle Jim Craig and far right, Jack Ponton.

IN DEFENCE OF OLYMPIC

I HAVE been a regular reader of Australian Soccer Weekly since its inception. And at times I have voiced my opinion through letters to the Editor but until now I have not been motivated enough to do so.

I feel however, that I can no longer stand back and witness the thinly veiled animosity and at times (with few exceptions) biased articles regarding the Sydney

Olympic Soccer Club.

The final straw has been the meaningless letter from A. Alder of Newcastle (ASW 13.9.83).

This reader claims that he/she was insulted at the Sydney Olympic v Newcastle game when the announcer spoke in Greek and also I presume when Sydney Olympic failed to play our National Anthem.

In my experience most announcements are made in both languages (the exception being Greek community announcements) and I attend many NSL matches besides those in which Sydney Olympic appear. Newcastle KB would be the only club which does play our National Anthem (in NSW) which I think is a good PR exercise by Newcastle KB

as it identifies Soccer as a game which is Australian as well as European etc.

There is no lack of integration within the Australian community from the people of Sydney Olympic.

The disappointment this Newcastle supporter experienced at this particular match (as his team went home victorious) must have been the lack of turmoil and controversy (which had been over publicised) which he may have expected from the Olympic supporters who showed support for their team with a standing ovation as the players left the field.

The current emphasis and over-exposure of Sydney Olympic's problems seems to be creating an ugly rift within the Soccer

community at a time when Soccer in this country needs unity.

I can't help wondering that if Docherty were not British whether he would have been so well supported by those of the Soccer Press in this country who are British born.

Barbara Aston,
Sydney Olympic
Women's Soccer Team.

REFEREES!

NOW that the 1983 junior Soccer season is almost finished, I have something to say about it.

I was appalled at the very poor refereeing that I saw... 1983 will surely be remembered as the year that the referees used their own rules, instead of the proper Soccer rules.

So I won't be surprised to see a large number of boys and young men missing from the NSW Soccer scene in 1984.

The Observer,
Bankstown.

MR TAYLOR?

Be sure of your facts (your letter to ASW Sep 13) before you attempt to denigrate people.

If you are prepared to write half statements, be prepared to finish them and advise me, the NSWASF, and the readers of ASW the following:

1. Who are the name players who missed selection in the Under 15 team?
2. Who missed due to political reasons and what were the politics involved?
3. What is your source of information that advises you that NSW has the largest number of players to select from?

It may surprise you to know that the Under 13, 14 & 15 State teams are selected from approx 50-60 teams.

Victoria can select from 70-80 teams as an example.

Also, for your information the Under 18 & Under 16 teams do not come under the control of the NSW Amateurs but are in fact organised by the NSW Federation.

It may also interest you to know that both coaches of these teams are highly qualified and in fact one is an ASF staff coach who has a very good record.

Your remarks regarding coaching positions for services rendered is laughable, if this statement is directed toward me, may I say that for the privilege of coaching State teams, it costs me many hundreds of hours and many hundreds of dollars and the payment for this job is nothing.

In conclusion may I point out to all ASW readers that the Under 15 tournament was in general of a low standard, mainly due in my opinion to the ultra defensive tactics of the States which was evident by the low scores all week.

JOHN HEDISON,
1983 State U.15 coach.

CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

Australians Schools side that played AIS recently. (Back) K. Peterson (Sec ASSF), S. Butler (mgr), B. Londos, I. Cahut, T. Bourke, G. Biscaya, J. Dunn, S. Waugh, A. Lyzeinski, S. Zantides, C. James (Ass Coach), C. Langan, C. Bonner (Pres ASSF), (Front) A. Reda, C. Fegan, C. Hummel, A. Bundalo, M. Garland, N. Papas, A. Birchall, A. White.



TWO weeks ago ASW published a story on the Revesby Workers U/8 division one exploits. Here they are, pictured.

L to R: Manager: Helen Fairley, coach: Allan Fairley. Back: Nathan Palmar, Brett O'Callaghan, Anthony Bateman, Joe Tommassio, Adam Fairley, Steven Norris, Paul Sidnak, Scott Swadlin. Front: Gary Tridgett, Christopher Muscat, Adam Mennell, Scot McClannan, Peter Sidnak.



Geoff Biscaya, NSW captain, receiving the interstate shield from Chapman Bonner, ASSF president, after NSW had beaten Queensland 4-0 at the recent ASSF championships at Brisbane.

THE ITALIANS HAVE IT ALL?

ITALIAN FOOTBALL is at its peak and can now boast the majority of the world's best players in its ranks.

Apart from Argentinian ace, Diego Maradona, a few Brazilians and a few British superstars, the cream of the world's soccer performers are playing in the Italian League.

Week after week, talented performers such as Zico and Falcao of Brazil, Francis and Brady from Britain, Platini from France, Boniek of Poland and Pasarella of Argentina, to name a few, combine their skills with local superstars such as Rossi, Conti and Scirea to give the Italian fans what they pay big money to watch - good football.

At international level,

BY TOM ANDERSON

Italy have won the World Cup on three occasions - 1934, 38 and 82.

And, as reigning world champions, they will hold the crown at least until the 1986 World Cup Finals in Mexico.

Sure they have had some bad results over the past 12 months, but this is a typical reaction after hitting the top.

In Enzo Bearzot they have the world's shrewdest soccer tactician at the present time and a man who has won world acclaim with his brilliant methods.

Add to this the fact that Italy is now favorite to host the 1990 World Cup Final series and you have a country that, right now, is 'soccer crazy'.

And it's not only in their home country that the Italian fans go bananas over the round ball game - they do so in every corner of the globe where they have settled - including, of course, Australia.

I was lucky to be in Spain to report on last year's final when Italy won the World Cup. But I was quickly informed on my return home that the expatriot Italians celebrated the victory in tremendous style throughout Australia.

Also, to be perfectly honest, Australian soccer would fall in a heap if it were not for the Italians support and the many Italian sponsored teams.

But how did it all really start for the Italians - and by this I mean at international level?

Looking back through the records, the credit for the real Italian breakthrough into the world spotlight can be credited to one man - Vittorio Pozzo.

Pozzo the 'Commissario Tecnico' of Italian Football between the first and second world wars, took his country by the scruff of the neck and led it to the pinnacle of world success.

Three men dominated the European scene in the 1930's - Pozzo of Italy, Hugo Meisel of Austria and Herbert Chapman, the father of the great English team, Arsenal.

The first World Cup series had taken place in Uruguay in 1930 and it proved a success even though Italy did not take part.

But the shrewd brain of Pozzo realised that here was the chance to put his country on the football map and at a FIFA Congress in Stockholm in 1932, Italy was allotted the 1934 World Cup Final series.

This series was also the start of the finals being held in many venues throughout the host country.

Little did they realise in those days, that the final tournament would mushroom into a mammoth 24 team series played over the period of a month!

Even in these early days, money dominated the Italian football scene and Italy's representative at the Stockholm FIFA Congress - Avvocato Mauro declared: "The Italian Federation is capable of financing any burden the series may cost and was also capable of making a profit!"

And indeed they did just this and made a million lire profit - and in those days, a million lire was worth a million lire!

Mauro was well advised throughout the FIFA negotiations by Pozzo, the man in charge of the Italian team at the time.

Three months prior to the 1934 finals, Pozzo's Italy had been thrashed 4 - 2 in Turin by Austria, the 'Wunderteam' of Europe at the time.

And in order to play in the series on their own backyard, Italy had to contest a qualifying series and was successful by defeating Greece in Milan.

Pozzo ruled his team with the belief that every Italian player in his squad had to be treated individually and not as part of the group.

A physical fitness crank, he studied in Switzerland and England and also taught school in England during his stay there.

His favorite English

team was Manchester United - and it was on United's play that he modelled Italy's.

He was one of the founders of the Torino Football Club and at one time was also the secretary of the Italian Federation.

It was Pozzo who introduced the selection of foreign players of Italian extraction into Italian football - much to the dismay, at the time, of Argentina!

His first 'Oriundi' or foreign born players were Monti and Orsi and Pozzo's outlook was: "If they can die for Italy, then they can play for Italy." Meaning, of course, they were liable for military service.

In the first round of the 1934 World Cup Final series, Italy played the United States in the Stadio Torino in Rome



The semi-final between Italy and Austria in Milan. Guaita beats Platzer for the winning goal.



Vittorio Pozzo taking his countrymen to the pinnacle of world soccer success. "If I let them make mistakes, I loose my authority," he said.

and cantered to an easy 7 - 1 victory.

Then came the second round where the Italians were drawn against Spain in Florence - a game that would bring them up against the great Zamora of Spain, who was a living legend in football throughout Europe during that period.

The game ended in a 1 - 1 draw with Italy having come from behind.

The replay was the following day and Meazza headed the goal that sent the Italians into the semi-finals in Milan where they met the 'Wunderteam' - Austria guided by Hugo Meisl.

The only goal in this game was scored by Italy's Argentinian born

right winger, Guaita, in the 18th minute and it was enough to take the Italians into their first World Cup Final.

Venue for the final was Rome at the old Stadio Torino and Italy's opponent was Czechoslovakia.

Czechoslovakia went into the match as underdogs on a ground that was definitely less than regulation size and in front of a crowd that was all for Italy.

With the game scoreless and only 20 minutes left to play, it looked as if Italy was going to lose.

The situation became even blacker when the Czechs grabbed the lead through a goal by Puc.

But with only eight minutes left to play, and time running out, Argentinian born Italian forward, Raimondo Orsi, equalised with a goal out of the blue.

Extra time was played and during this nerve wracking period, Schiavio grabbed the winning goal for the home side.

Italy had won it's first World Cup!

Pozzo had started the ball rolling, later to be continued by great coaches such as Gioanin Ferrari and now Enzo Bearzot.

Maybe this will give you an insight on how the great Italian fervour for this game of ours really started.

So, if you ever get a little hot under the collar during a visit to Lambert Park, Bossley Park, the Olympic Sports Field or Spencer Park - blame it all on one man - Vittorio Pozzo!

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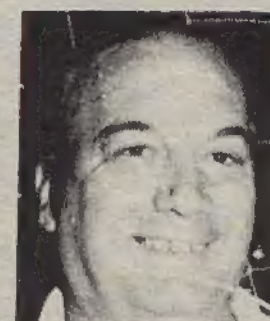
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BY JOHN ECONOMOS

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The Tournaments is sprinkled with tours, a magnificent Hawaiian Luau, a lavish presentation banquet night and endless hours of bright, colourful nights into the early hours of the morning.

The players will also be

Right: Last years leading scoring honor went to Ilija Mitic from Zagreb-California S.C with 5 goals.



Semi-final action between first D.F.C. Victoria of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and Laguna Soccer club of Honolulu, Hawaii.



Above: Hawaiian entertainment at the Budweiser Luau, one of the functions during the week of the Masters Crown.

Left: participants and supporters enjoy a demonstration of Hawaiian folk art at the Paradise Cove.

able to visit Pearl Harbour, the infamous historical target that pushed the United States into

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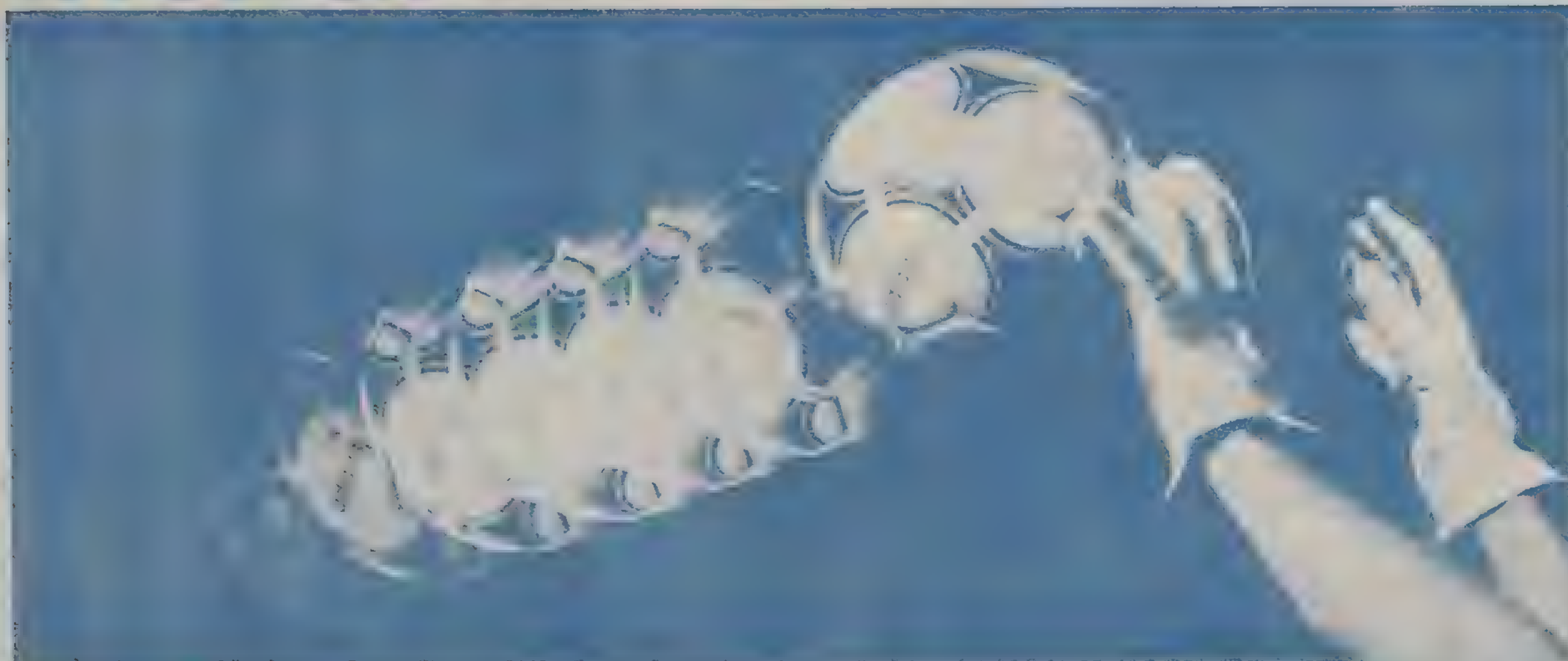
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BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

THE BIG GAME

THIS Monday at Marconi Stadium Melita Eagles and Croatia are matched against each other in the major semi-final. The winner of this game moves straight through to the Grand Final which will be played at the Sydney Sports Ground.

In the two games played this year, neither side has had the measure of the other and two draws have resulted.

In the first round night game at Melita Stadium, Melita dominated proceedings but Croatia held them out to record a valuable draw.

The second round game at King Tomislav Park was a reversal with Croatia controlling play for a majority of the game.

Next week, Croatia will have a hard time containing the talented Wayne Farnsworth and Billy Griffith. Both players are explosive in attack and have proved to be a thorn in the side of many teams this year.

Croatia's Steve Watson and Melita's Alex McPherson have both had excellent seasons in goal. Both sets of forwards will find it difficult to put balls past these two talented goalkeepers.

Marijan Kovacic and Peter Hensman from Croatia have both recovered from problems which forced them off the field before the full 90 minutes against Yugal in the last round. In fact, that 0-0 draw against Yugal cost Croatia the Championship.

Croatia coach Joseph Kuze, although disappointed with the result against Yugal, is confident of victory against Melita.

"All the players are fully fit and are very hopeful of beating Melita. After the disappointment of the Yugal match, we will bounce back even stronger," said a confident Kuze.

dent Kuze.

But Melita coach Raul Blanco is equally sure.

"We have no injury problems and the boys are raring to go. We have won the Championship and now we want to put the

icing on the cake by winning the semi-final the Championship and now we want to put the icing on the cake by winning the semi-final series," Blanco said.



Tommy Gavin shields the ball from Manly's Ken Russell during the second grade semi-final. Manly overcame Melita defeating them 3-1 but in the process lost Ken Russell for the remainder of the season after he broke his leg early in the second half. Photo DAVID JELLINGS.

RAVENS RISING

GLADESVILLE-Ravens, currently playing in the NSW State League second division moved into the final follow-

ing their 4-3 victory over Rockdale in extra-time.

For a club that is solely amateur and on the verge of relegation two seasons ago, this is a fine achievement.

The team's average age is 21 and this Sunday they face Warringah-Narrabeen in the final at Potts Park.

In last Sunday's game against Rockdale at Little Bay Oval, Gladesville were behind 1-0 but fought back resolutely to gain 3-1 lead. With only four minutes remaining Rockdale scored two goals to level the account and move into extra-time.

With only six minutes before the end of the second period of extra-time, Mark Baldwin sealed Rockdale's fate with a winning goal.

SHARKS, DEMONS MUST REPLAY

Sutherland and Blacktown City are pitted against each other in a replay next Saturday at Melita Stadium following their timid 0-0 draw last Sunday.

It was a disappointing game from both sides considering the importance of this sudden death semi-final. Each team pushed forward continually but the resolute defensive combinations thwarted all attacks.

Blacktown City keeper Barry Hoare proved a nuisance to the Sharks with two goalbound saves.

The first chance came in the fifth minute. A mistake by Demons defender Warren Turnbull allowed Nigel Groome to swoop through and his curling drive was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Hoare.

In extra-time young substitute Shane Clinch skilfully turned inside two defenders, dumfied, and his powerful left footed drive was superbly pushed over the bar by Hoare.

The first half was a tenacious affair and it was the solid defensive work from both teams that kept the scoreline blank. The one positive goalscoring opportunity created by the Demons didn't arrive till the 40th minute.

A defensive clearance from a corner was swooped on by Robert Wheatley. He put through young right-back Mike Quarmby and with the goal at his mercy he drove straight at the Sutherland goalkeeper Mal Haynes.

The early period of the second half was dominated by Blacktown but the Sharks fought back resolutely and almost clinched the winner.

Stuart Selva figured prominently in attacking

moves for the Demons. In the 50th minute his low drive just missed the target. Minutes later his delicate cross was forced for a corner by Keith Schuman.

John Larkin, who toiled tirelessly up front for the Demons, created two chances midway through the half but both flew over the crossbar.

Sutherland withstood this early pressure and fought their way back with their best chance created in the 80th minute. A low cross from the hard working Mark Harrington on the left, was headed just wide by the diving Nigel Groome.

Minutes later a corner from Mark Harrington on the left was headed over the bar by the unmarked Shane Clinch.

Early into the first period of extra time Steve Meades broke through for the Sharks but Warren Turnbull hung on grimly to pull off a desperate goalsaving tackle.

Demons Tony O'Shana, who replaced the injured Barry Walker, almost scored the winner in the second period of extra-time but his confident left footed drive just shaved the post.

For the Demons, Robert Wheatley and Cliff Pointer worked solidly in defence, Stuart Selva was tireless in midfield and young strikers John Larkin and Michael McLaughlin toiled hard up front.

Sutherland were best served by Keith Schuman and Arron Scharfegger in defence and Mark Harrington, Nigel Groome and substitute Shane

Clinch stood out. Disappointingly for Sutherland, injuries to Vic Dal Forno and Jim Webber look certain to force them out of the replay next Saturday.

Blacktown City coach Casey De Bruin expressed disappointment at the result.

"It was very poor and flat and I'm hopeful the boys will bounce back

from the this game and convincingly win the replay," De Bruin said.

Sutherland coach John Watkiss shared the same feeling.

"Overall the game didn't produce a great deal and only towards the latter stages did we create positive chances. Unfortunately we look like being without Vic Dal Forno and Jim Webber for the replay," Watkiss added.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Schuman, Dal Forno (Scharfegger 15), Cashman, Harrington, Webber (Clinch 73), Beggs, Groome, Meades.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Quarmby (Welbourne 90), Turnbull, Wheatley, Pointer, Selva, Brogan, Stoddart, Walker (O'Shana 67), McLaughlin, Larkin.



Blacktown City goalkeeper Barry Hoare continued his fine run of form for the Demons. Photo by DAVID JELLINGS.

BEARS MAUL COASTIES

WESTON BEARS exacted full revenge over Central Coast with a 3-0 thrashing in the Grand Final of the Northern NSW Championship played at the International Sports Centre.

Central Coast, winners of the premiership, have proved to be a jinx team for former champions Weston this season.

In their three meetings, Central Coast have been the masters but the situation was reversed in the Grand Final after goalkeeper David Fitzsimmons mishandled a soft shot from midfielder Dennis King to present Weston with the opening goal two minutes before half-time.

Fitzsimmons, who has been one of the most consistent goalkeepers in the North this season, failed to get his hands behind King's speculative effort.

The Central Coast defence, well marshalled by the experienced George Gibson, had done well to hold the eager Weston attack which had the advantage of a stiff S.E. wind in the opening session.

Central Coast, expected to roar back into the game after the interval, were shocked in the 55th minute when speedy winger Dave Sweeney swept in from the left to crack home a fine second goal.

Tempers flared after

this reverse and referee Jim Reeves handed out some cautions for tough tackling.

The expected threat from lethal goal strikers Paul Corbett and Jim Bryden failed to materialise due to the effective control by Weston captain, Ian Bannan and schoolboy Ian Ballantyne.

Long-serving midfielder Jack Turnbull hammered the final nail in Central Coast's coffin after 66 minutes in a final marred by the troublesome wind and the many bare patches on the Sports Centre hardly conducive to top class Soccer.

In the second division grand final, Cardiff outscored challengers Austral United 3-0.

Both sides are making strong bids for 1st Division places next season.

RESULTS

1st DIVISION GRAND FINAL

WESTON 3 (King, Sweeney, Turnbull) bt **CENTRAL COAST** nil.

2nd DIVISION GRAND FINAL

CARDIFF 3 (Robb, Roskell, Haynes) bt **AUSTRAL UNITED** nil.

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Harry Noon: aspirations

HIGH NOON

GENIAL Harry Noon, a 40-year-old Englishman who has worked wonders with Ku-ring-gai Soccer Club this season, makes no secret of his ambition to coach at the top reports **MIKE COCKERILL**.

"I want to coach Australia," he declares.

And the way his expertise has guided a series of unfashionable clubs to unheard of heights makes a mockery of those who dare to doubt him.

Harry Noon is the ultimate quiet achiever — not a flashy, razzamatazz coach always searching for identity and acclaim — but a man with deep and genuine love of the game who lets his results do all his talking.

Harry, born in quaint Sutton-in-Ashfield in Nottinghamshire has always been a soccer fanatic.

At 15 he was playing for England Schoolboys against Wales at Wrexham, at 17 he was an apprentice at Wolverhampton Wanderers when such greats as Billy Wright and Bert Williams were gracing their famous Molineaux ground.

In those days, of course, it was hard to find a first team place at Wolves, so young Harry moved to then second division Notts County — the start of a long and fruitful relationship.

He left nine seasons later after over 400 games at Meadow Lane, and after a brief one-season stay at Bradford City, emigrated to Australia in 1966.

Then in the twilight of a distinguished career, Harry joined the Sydney-based Corinthians club under his former Notts boss Frank Broome.

Two years later an argument with the club prematurely ended his playing days, but to all those who knew him it was inevitable he would return to the game he loves.

For much of the early 1970s he was too pre-occupied with his job at Olivetti to worry about soccer.

But it was only a ques-

tion of time, and when good friend Brian Green arrived here to take a national job in 1975, he convinced Harry to coach coaches at the Australian Soccer Federation course at Narrabeen Fitness Centre.

With the code once again coursing through his veins, Harry took on the job at Lethbridge Park (now Mt Druitt Town) and in a year the team had won promotion.

Short stints as lower grade coach at Sydney City and then as boss of Artarmon prepared him for what would turn out to be his most absorbing role — in charge of Ku-ring-gai.

In his three seasons at Parklands Oval, with employers Transport Engineers offering every support, Harry has taken The Chasers from a club always flattering to deceive to a real force in the State League.

"I would like to think the club has achieved something — not only in the area but in soccer as a whole," he says.

"Ku-ring-gai will go from strength to strength because they have strong juniors and an excellent administration.

"People often ask me why I haven't applied for the top jobs — but I feel I need to serve my apprenticeship in lower grades first.

"I am now ready for a job in the National League and every win Ku-ring-gai had this season was a further indication to me that I am prepared."

Despite his rewarding experience with The Chasers, and the club's intention to apply to the NSL, Noon believes the time is ripe for a new challenge.

He is open to offers.

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION - SEMI FINALS

Sutherland Shire v Melita Eagles	3rd Grd 0-2
Manly Warringah v Melita Eagles	2nd Grd 3-1
Blacktown City v Sutherland Shire	1st Grd 0-0

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION - SEMI FINALS

Penrith United v Uni of NSW	3rd Grd 2-1
Fairy Meadow v Penrith United	2nd Grd 0-1
Warringah N'been v Fairy Meadow	1st Grd 2-1
Fairy Meadow v Dee Why	3rd Grd 1-0
Gladesville Ravens v North Bankstown	2nd Grd
Rockdale Ilinden v Gl'ville Ravens	1st Grd 3-4



Blacktown City second grade pictured standing from left to right: Archie Campbell (Coach), Peter Freeman, Stephen Campbell, Tony O'Shana, David Falzon, Richard Otten, Michael Rolls, Rodney Redcliffe (Manager). Kneeling from left to right: Neil Pearson, Ian Shaw, Brett Thornthwaite, Stewart Purcell, Scott Lumsdaine, Anthony Welbourne.

DEMONS' RESERVES CREATE RECORD

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

BLACKTOWN City's second grade have set a record by being the only team in the club's history to complete a competition undefeated.

The side is littered with up and coming young players and no doubt the future looks bright for the Demons.

In the 24 games played this season they finished with 16 wins, 8 draws and no defeats.

Second grade coach Archie Campbell spoke highly of the team.

"The biggest reason for this tremendous effort was the dedication and pride displayed by the boys. The players gave everything to achieve this result and they fully deserve every success that falls their way," Campbell said.

One of the most interesting aspects of the team is the age of their captain Brett Thornthwaite. Playing in the midfield, Brett has only just turned 17 and is still eligible to play 3rd grade for a few more seasons!

Due to injuries to the first grade during the season a few of the second grade players were promoted. Neil Pearson, John Larkin, Thornthwaite

and Tony O'Shana have all performed admirably in first grade.

Three other players have also shone for the Demons this year. Ian Shaw at left-back, Anthony Welbourne in midfield and winger Darren Plumb. Unfortunately, Darren sustained a serious knee ligament injury in the 7th round of the competition after he had scored six goals in the first six rounds.

This Sunday the side faces Sutherland in the major semi-final. Campbell is quietly positive

"Although we have beaten Sutherland twice this year we will take the game as it comes. All the teams that have made the top four are of the same calibre," Campbell said. Campbell was quick to praise the assistance and help he has received from first grade coach Casey De Bruin.

"Casey is one of the best coaches in Australia. His talents have been a great asset in developing the

the second goal in the 68th minute.

And the third was scored by Paul Vale in the 80th minute.

Vic Gauci scored Melita's consolation goal with only three minutes remaining.

GOALS: Manly (McGrath 10, Peter Vale 68, Paul Vale 80), Melita (Gauci 87).

■■■

IN THE third grade semi-final, Melita made full use of their home ground advantage in defeating Sutherland 2-0 at Melita Stadium.

Melita dominated proceedings throughout the game and sealed Sutherland's fate with two goals in the second half.

In the 54th minute John Gregson scored from a corner and in the 80th minute Gabriel Paz made it two with a first time shot from inside the area.

GOALS: Melita (Gregson 54, Paz 80).

FRYER LEAVES CONISTON JOB

AFTER FIVE seasons, Robert Fryer has decided to call it a day with Coniston and will be seeking a new coaching job next season.

Fryer has been player-coach with Coniston since the year they were promoted to Premier League.

In that time, he has won a grand final with them and lost the three finals they contested, the latest two weeks ago with Warilla Wanderers.

"I haven't had much luck in finals," Fryer said in the dressing room after the loss to Warilla.

"I'm leaving Coniston on the best of terms and one day, if I become part of the Soccer administration, I'd like to come back," he said.

"They are a good club and I have been really pleased with the way this season's squad has responded to my coaching."

■■■

Will John Bingham apply for the Wollongong City coaching job?

That is the big question in Illawarra Soccer with the news Willie Wallace won't be asked to stay on again next season.

Bingham, a former English professional, came

out to join Safeway United in 1971.

He has proved a very gifted player in Illawarra and Sydney and has more than his share of success as a coach.

Bingham has just finished a contract as player-coach with Shellharbour and is looking for a bigger challenge.

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It would be an understatement to say the Premier League under 19 premiership was an even affair this season.

In the semi-finals, Tarrawanna drew with Belambi and West-Figtree drew with Warilla Wanderers.

Both games went to replays under lights and again both ended in draws — after extra time.

Shoot-outs were required before Tarrawanna and Figtree emerged the winners.

The young Tarrawanna side has plenty of talent and club officials are hoping two or three of the players will make it in first grade next season.

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1.00pm - Second Grade

Penrith United v North Bankstown

11am - Third Grade

Penrith United v Fairy Meadow

MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER 1983

**MARCONI STADIUM - STATE LEAGUE -
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3.00pm - First Grade

Melita Eagles v Croatia Sydney

1.00pm - Second Grade

Blacktown City v Sutherland Shire

11.30pm - Third Grade

Croatia Sydney v Cant-M'ville Olympic

ROTHMANS MEDAL CONTENDERS

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BETS

WITH A LITTLE more than two weeks to go for the Rothmans Medal count, the usual pundits are making their bets in Melbourne.

Each year a "book-maker" makes the odds. But on October 13, at the Southern Cross Hotel, it's going to be a book-maker's nightmare this year. Among those being considered for the coveted



Croatia winger Tommy Cumming

award are Melbourne Croatia winger Tommy Cumming who has already won it twice before in 1977 and 78.

If he wins again it will be a record for the 12 years of the Rothmans Medal presentation.

Cumming, a former international who was injured during one of Rudi Gutendorf's training camps in Sydney, was out of the game with a groin injury for 18 months.

His remarkable comeback this year has worked wonders for the Croatia club.

Tommy ("the Mighty Little Atom") hasn't let his old side down. He's scored 19 goals and has been one of the club's leading forwards with

Dave Brogan (20 goals).

Cumming is a gentleman player. Whenever he gets knocked down — and

because he's small this is often — he looks up at the referee to await his decision. He always catches the ref's eye because he never argues.

Another player who should go close is Northcote City's attacking midfielder, Branko Culina.

He knows he has a good chance because he's already been issued his invitation to the presentation night and only those players with a chance of winning obtain invitations.

Culina had a very good second half to the season. He has not received a single caution this season. Last year he won the

Metropolitan League best and fairest award with a record 49 votes when he played for St. Albans Dinamo.

Ian Tuffield, the Fawkner utility player, is also in with a chance.

Ian has been a prominent player for Fawkner this year — their first year in the State League.

Brunswick Juventus also have a candidate who will poll well — winger Andrew Zinni.

It's a pity he was injured in a recent game after scoring a couple of goals but he should have enough points to give him a good run in the final count.

MORE KNOCKING ON NSL DOORS

MORE AND MORE Victorian State League clubs are lobbying for admission to the National League next year.

Two of the latest applicants are Sunshine-George Cross and Northcote City.

Alf Zahra, president of Sunshine-George Cross, told ASW: "We're confident of getting into the NSL."

"We have the history behind us. We're 36 years old and are one of the most respected clubs in Victoria."

"The League needs a strong Maltese-sponsored club and there are 103,000 Maltese living in Melbourne."

"We once had the biggest support. Many of our supporters just faded away because of lack of success in recent years."

"But they are coming back now and if we're in the NSL they'll all be back."

"If we are not accepted it will be a blow to the Maltese community."

Mr Zahra said extensions were being made to the Sunshine-George Cross ground in Anderson Road. New clubrooms were being built in the next few weeks.

Greek-sponsored club Northcote City believe their entry into the National League means an extra plus for the League.

"By having us in the big league there will be six Greek derbies in Melbourne instead of four," said League delegate Steve Williams.

"As well as Heidelberg and South Melbourne there will be Northcote who will attract all the Greek support from the northern suburbs of Melbourne."

"We also have one of the finest grounds outside Melbourne's Olympic Park. We have coin operated turnstiles and that's a great improvement."

"The Northcote Council have been marvellous to us. We have our super stand which holds more than 1,400 and we have the only electronic scoreboard in Victoria."

"By Christmas we hope

to have our new social rooms under the stand which will accommodate about 400. There will be a board room, kitchen as well as other facilities," said Mr Williams.

The club has done well this year with new manager-coach Tony Vrzina. Last year the side was relegated but were saved by the Victorian Federation after the Northcote council sunk many thousands of dollars into the ground and erected a new stand.

The club has come a long way since their first president, Nick Paris, took over. They started in the late 50s as a social club and used to play volleyball: then some people got together and decided to form a Soccer club which was known as Hercules and played in the Provisional League.

Then they became known as Princes Park and their third name change was Collingwood because they played in the Clifton Hill area.

In 1978 they became Northcote City when they received the blessing of

the Northcote City Council and they were given the John Cain Stadium, named after the Victorian Premier.

Among those who have given the club great service on the administrative side are Nick Paris, Peter Plementos, Jimmy Moutafis, Socrates Papadopoulos, Jerry Katiforis, Andrew Tragos and Steve Williams.

DOCKERTY QUARTER FINALS

THE Dockerty Cup quarter finals will be played at two venues — Olympic Park and Wembley Park — on Sunday, October 16.

Olympic Park, Melbourne, games include Green Gully v Croydon City and Morwell Falcons v Melbourne Croatia.

Wembley Park, Box Hill, games are Ringwood City v Doveton and Box Hill v Fawkner.

First games start at 1.15pm.

CHANGED SUNBURY FORMAT

SUNBURY UNITED will celebrate their 10th anniversary this year with a new format for their Sunbury Shield competition.

The tournament will be on Saturday, October 1, at 11.30 am.

Games will be played at Langama Park, Mitchells Lane, Sunbury.

Instead of a knock-out competition featuring 12 teams, there will be only four teams playing in a round-robin competition.

The reason for the change follows discussions between the club and the new sponsor of the shield, the Northern Credit Co-operative, who are also sponsors for Sunbury United.

Northern Credit's manager, Barry Burgess, plans to make the day into a family affair with such attractions as showbags for children.

Clubs taking part include Keilor City, Broadmeadows, Coburg and Sunbury.

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JUVENTUS THE CHAMPIONS

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

JUVENTUS-PIONEER is the 1983 Tasmanian Cadbury State League champion.

Needing only a point in the season's final League match against second-placed reigning champion, Rapid-Wrest Point, the Italian side managed to hold Rapid to a scoreless draw and take the title.

Juventus had the better of the first half and might have had four goals but for the woodwork and some brilliant goalkeeping by Rapid's Phil Kannegiesser.

Di Felice, Ward and Broadhouse were the danger men up front for Juventus, whose defence, superbly marshalled by sweeper John Charlton, rarely gave the champion a look-in.

Rapid's coach, David Crosson, had one such look-in after only five minutes when he robbed Di Martino of the ball on the edge of the penalty area, only to shoot straight at Craven.

The second half saw Rapid apply unrelenting pressure, culminating in the chance of the match in the 49th minute. Crosson's floated free kick found Wilson whose bullet-like header was miraculously deflected over the bar by Charlton who was standing on the goal-line.

The teams finished level on 30 points but Juventus' vastly superior goal difference gave it the title.

Coach, Peter Brine, was a relieved man after the match. A former professional with Middlesbrough in the English First Division, Brine said that the past three years he has spent in Tasmania were the happiest period in his life.

He has now finished his contract with Juventus and is thinking of having a break from the game next season.

Three days after its title win, Juventus was again on view in the semi-final of the Statewide Cup.

In a true champion-style display, Juventus demolished Metro-Claremont 8-0. Bruce Ward scored a hat-trick; the other goals coming from Genovesi, Pace, Ambrosino, Lapolla and goalkeeper Craven, whose place in goal was taken by defender Cochrane.

The only blemish on this display was the sending-off of captain Alan Burton, together with Metro's Paul Fone, after an incident in the 59th minute.

The other semi-final saw Devonport, the Northern State League champion, easily defeat White Eagles, the relegated Cadbury State League team, 6-1.

Two intra-State representative matches were also played on the weekend. A Southern Tasmania Under 20 side defeated its Northern counterpart 1-0 through a 77th minute goal by Carlo Ambrosino.

In the senior match, the Southern Cadbury State League representative team played a scoreless draw with the Northern State League representative team in Glenorchy.

The first-leg match, played in Launceston in early August, had ended in a 3-3 draw.

FINAL TASMANIAN CADBURY STANDINGS:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	21	14	2	5	51	22	30
Rapid	21	13	4	4	35	22	30
Olympia	21	11	6	4	53	32	28
Croatia	21	10	4	7	42	36	24
Metro	21	6	6	9	34	39	18
Caledonians	21	6	5	10	39	38	17
University	21	8	0	13	33	60	16
White Eagles	21	2	1	18	23	61	5

MATCH DETAILS:

Olympia 2 Caledonians 1, Juventus 0 Rapid 0 (Cadbury State League) Statewide Cup Semi-finals:

Juventus 8 Metro 0,

Devonport 6 White E.J.

GOALSCORING LIST:
18 Ian Parker (Caledonians), Perry Forster (Olympia).

STH. AUSTRALIA

POLONIA have emerged from the middle of the pack to become favourites for one of the S.A. winter titles.

They sunk League and Federation Cup champions Beograd 2-nil in the Coca Cola Top Four Cup play-off last week, and on Saturday take on Croatia in the final at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Croatia, runners-up in the League while Polonia were third, knocked out Para Hills 2-1 in the other semi-final, when the goal came from captain Steve Caggiano with two minutes to go.

While Croatia are

favourites on paper as League runners-up and one of the most consistent teams, Polonia turned on a classic display against Beograd.

They went from brilliant to disastrous and back to brilliant in a yo-yo season which saw them switch coaches with Stan Cygan taking over from Dave Jenkins.

Now they appear to have got everything together, but the one advantage Croatia has is big match temperament.

However the final should be a worthy climax to the season with extra time a possibility.



OTHER STATE REPORTS

BRIAN LE FEVRE GUEST SPEAKER

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Australian Soccer Federation secretary, Brian Le Fevre, will be guest speaker at the Queensland Rothmans Medal presentation at Perry Park early next month.

Le Fevre, who quit the soccer scene 12 months ago to retire to North Queensland, has still kept his interest in the game and his outside views on ever-turbulent Australian Soccer are expected to be most interesting.

Le Fevre's after-dinner address should highlight what is being tipped as the one of the biggest medal cliffhangers yet.



Brian Le Fevre

Captain-coach of champion club Mount Gravatt, Eric Thompson, has been suggested as favourite, but history has shown players in leading teams rarely win the Rothmans.

The Hawks, which finished three points clear of Olympic at the top of the Premier League, have a string of consistently good players and Thompson's team-mates Gary Bohan, Dave Costa, Archie Fraser and Steve McNally are likely to have ensured a spread of votes.

The medal more times than not has gone to a player who played consistently well in a mediocre team.

If that is the case, then players like Ian Proud, Gerry Kay and John Marshall (Acacia Ridge), Paul Thompson and Jeff Dolan (Easts), Alan Sinclair, Iain Fagan and Michael McEvoy (North Star), Craig Brimson and Mike Savage (Taringa) and Ross and Ken Swan (Grange Thistle) would have to be among the leading vote getters.

The medal race has also been intensified by the fact that unlike previous seasons, very few players have been ruled ineligible after being sent-off.

Grange Thistle's John Paterson is about the only player with a real chance who cannot accept the award.

Ipswich, which finished third in the Premier League after a fighting finish, are in a similar boat to Mount Gravatt in that a number of medal contenders probably will deny each other a chance of the gold medal.

Former Sydney Croatia player, Kevin Coleman, has been outstanding on the park for Ipswich since moving here from Sydney, but has missed a number of games through work commitments and a late start to the season.

Coleman also has been vying for votes against honest players like Wayne Warren, Ian Lawrie and former medal winner Ken Gordon, who finished leading goalscorer with 21 to his credit.

Olympic, which fended off Ipswich's challenge for second place by beating Taringa 2-0 in the final round and therefore earning yet another crack this season at Mount Gravatt in the major semi-final, are similar to the Coalminers and the Hawks in that three or four players will deny each other votes.

Tom McGregor, Graham Wilson, Craig Low and Peter Tyson are likely to finish high in the voting but Olympic probably lost a certain medal winner when Mark McNaughton was injured a month ago.

A GLUT OF REFS

BY STEVE BURNS

CANBERRA looks like getting on top of its acute shortage of referees.

A series of successful courses, seminars, upgrading examinations and field tests are now complete, thanks to State coach of the ACT referees' division John van der Lende and president, Dennis McDermott.

The work has resulted not only in a great increase in junior and associate referees, but also in the upgrading of senior referees.

BRUSASCO IN NEW BATTLE

BY GREG RUSSELL

NEW SOUTH WALES is likely to play another interstate match against Queensland at Perry Park next season — and it could mean trouble!

Queensland Soccer Federation officials, spurred on by their successful promotion in May this year, have issued another invitation to the NSW Federation and apparently have received a verbal acceptance.

The QSF wants to stage the game in mid-May 1984 and no doubt will once again be requesting a postponement of National League fixtures.

And that is certain to draw the criticism as this year's interstate clash is cited by many as one of the reasons for the far-too-long National League this season.

Overcoming that problem may not be the only hurdle the QSF has to clear before the match can go ahead.

Last week Brisbane City secretary, John Ponturo, warned his club may not release its players for future interstate matches if QSF president Ald. Jan Brusasco continued his criticism of the new NSL format and the Queensland team's position in it.

Ponturo, angered by Ald. Brusasco's latest prediction that the two Brisbane clubs would only last two years in the national competition, claimed not only were City officials annoyed by the comments, but said they had upset players and some were confused and even worried about their futures.

"I am absolutely sick and tired of the continual comments both generally and publicly from the president of the Queensland Soccer Federation about the NSL," Ponturo said.

"While I respect he has a personal opinion, Ald. Brusasco should realise he is representing Soccer.

"Brisbane City is in the National League and despite continued arguing and predictions of doom by Ald Brusasco, the club will stay there.

"If Ald. Brusasco thinks his premier league is so good, then he can get a State team from there," Ponturo said.

Brisbane City supplied eight players to the Queensland squad which beat New South Wales 3-0

at Perry Park in May. All but one of the other players came from fellow National League club Lions, which refused to become involved in the latest controversy.

But Ald. Brusasco is unperturbed by the Brisbane City threat and simply dismissed it this week as "unconstitutional".

NATCH IS OUT FOR SEASON

BY PHIL MURPHY

THE NSL season came to an abrupt end for Wollongong City goalkeeper Natch Vardareff in the home game against Adelaide City last Sunday.

Vardareff suffered ligament damage to a knee making a save, and doctors have told him not to worry about Soccer for a while.

It was ironic that he should suffer the injury in that game because it was probably his best of the season.

He made a number of top saves, particularly when Adelaide City gained control of the mid-field and looked a real threat in the second half. Jimmy Preston will now guard the Wollongong goal to the end of the season.

The two 'keepers have contested the role since

Wollongong gained admission to the national competition three years ago.

Preston's future is not known but Vardareff says he will definitely be with the club again in 1984.

"I'm still comparatively young for a goalkeeper and my aim next season is to get some special training," he said.

"It is something we have never really had at Wollongong because there is no specialist goalkeeping coach here but other clubs have them.

"I will be making inquiries in the off-season to see if I can spend some time with a Sydney club to sharpen up for the start of the new competition."

Formerly with Balgownie, Fairy Meadow and Wollongong United, Vardareff still has the potential to become one of the top goalkeepers in the country.

He certainly has the height to handle high crosses and with a little more concentration, will be a key man in Wollongong's new look team.



Natch Vardareff (l)



Michael Doueihi about to tackle an Illawarra forward.



Bankstown striker Hung Le climbs high to head for goal in a recent Metropolitan Championship match against Illawarra at the Crest ground. Bankstown won by the only goal of the game.



The team: BACK, Stephen Bingham (manager), Bob Kearns (first aid), Glen Ward, Scott Smith, R. J. Kearns, Keith Clarke, Hung Le, Jason Spurway, Mark Webber, Grahame Webber (sponsor), Albert Sydes (coach). FRONT: Trent Nolan, Adam Hughes, Matthew Pittas, Michael Doueihi, Anthony Koder, Evan Herbert, Scott Thompson, Scott Dzika.



Below: Illawarra break through Bankstown defence. Lothy is pursued by Jason Spurway (l) and Robert Kearns (r).

BANK ON THEM

BANKSTOWN Association under 11 representative team finished level top of the Metropolitan Championship with Granville and Blacktown. All three teams qualified for the State Championships, which were held in Bathurst at the end of August. The boys could not find the form in the State Championship which made them one of the strongest team in the Sydney competition due to several players carrying injuries. The team will be hard to beat in 1984, and thank their sponsor, Grahame Webber Carpet Sales and Service of Annandale.

PRESS ON REGARDLESS

THE ILLAWARRA U12 party had to overcome flash floods and swollen creeks to reach Griffith for the recent NSW State Championships. The lads from the South Coast ultimately won both the NSW State and the Metropolitan Championships.

Many city folk do not realise that so much of western and southern NSW is even now covered with water.

The Illawarra party soon encountered it. They had to turn back on various roads and the usual 540 km journey stretched out to 860 km.

The normal seven hours

drive was lengthened to 13 hours. Some cars were stranded in Temora or Wagga Wagga and had to push through early on the morning of the first game to arrive for the 11am kick-off.

Illawarra scraped through 1-0 against the excellent St George team and then won 1-0 against Riverina.

On the Sunday the team defeated Western NSW 2-1 and Southern NSW 2-0.

That put Illawarra against the great young Nepean side with both titles at stake.

Nepean was the only team to defeat Illawarra

in the Metropolitan titles and the goal they scored was the only one Illawarra conceded in the entire series.

But Illawarra turned on their best football of the year. Striker Craig Fleuren and workhorse David Roberts both scored to give the team a 2-0 win.

Amongst the features of Illawarra's play was the rock-like central defence of Jason Wenig and Steven Forshaw and the goalkeeping of Derek Morton.

Klaus Wenig, a former Illawarra junior and top senior player was the coach and Michael Forshaw the manager.



Illawarra U12 State Champions BACK: Steve Forshaw, Michael Forshaw (manager), David Roberts, Michael Barr, Derek Morton, Richard Figueredo, Klaus Wenig (coach). MIDDLE: Craig Fleuren, Scott Madden, Jeffery Smith, Daniel Ulletstra (brother of Ray), Chris Hodge. FRONT: Scott Robinson, Jason Wenig (capt), Paul Zuideruyk, Mark Sedgwick, Shaw Van Kreuel. BALL BOY: David Forshaw.



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A GOOD AIS 'GREEN AND GOLD' SHOWING

THE CONCEPT of giving the Australian Schoolboys Select a match against strong opposition was greatly appreciated by Brisbane Soccer fans on Sunday afternoon (September 3).

In front of a good NSL crowd at Spencer Park, the AIS side defeated the Schools Select, 3-1.

Fans were treated to an exhibition of fast, open soccer from some of the cream of Australian football.

Darren White (Dickson High ACT) enjoyed the official kick-off then left the field. He has suffered a serious rib injury during the week but wanted to be a part of the fixture.

Geoff Biscaya (Port Hacking NSW CHS) took over the captain's role.

Schools appeared to be

slightly on top during the first half. Stephen Waugh (East Hills, NSW CHS) made some searching runs down the right but his pin point crosses were not converted.

Even though sporting a nasty cut to the head that required four stitches, Andrew Bernal (Dickson High ACT) was powerful in defence as was his counterpart Bob Jones (AIS).

The second half began at a furious pace with Schools' midfielders Nick Papas (James Cook High) and Alex Bundalso (Wollongong High) combining well with Steven Waugh, Ali Reda (Kogarah High) and Andrew Leszazynski (Elizabeth College Tasmania) to pepper the AIS goalkeeper Kortas Livas.

Young Livas who had actually been the ACT reserve goalkeeper to Chris Hummel in the schools ti-

bles, had a blinder.

One finger tip touch around the post from Ali Reda had the crowd gasping.

However he wasn't able to stop Reda's penalty conversion.

In the final ten minutes, Schools had run their race. The effects of five days of intensive football caught up to them and they conceded two excellent goals from Warren Spinks and Ray Juna.

It would be fair to say that some of the lads on show in this game are destined to one day wear the green and gold of Australia.

— Cliff Mangan.



QSSSF Secretary Neville Wagner who assisted the ASSF to run the Schools Soccer Championships for the Commonwealth Bank Trophy in Brisbane is seen with Mr George Pagan, the sole selector of the Australian Schools Select side.



Pictured above are the AIS team which recently defeated a combined Australian Schoolboys side in Brisbane.

KING OF ALBURY

JOHN KING, a former executive of the Wodonga Diamonds Soccer Club, has been elected as president of the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association.

Mr King, who com-



bines the tasks of a referee, coach for the U 8 Wodonga Diamonds Soccer team and the AWSA referees delegate, will hold the position until the Association's annual general meeting in December.

He was very keen to assist the Association following the resignation of Mr Gene Lydick, at the Association's July meeting.

Before the election Mr King was the recorder for the Association, and prior to that the Registrar.

He first became interested in Soccer when he moved to Albury-Wodonga in 1973, first joining Twin City Wanderers where his son played in the U10s.

Moving to Wodonga Diamonds where his son and daughter became playing members, he held the positions of president and treasurer.

The other candidate was Mr Fred Morse, the treasurer of the AWSA, who has been president of the Albury Hotspurs Soccer Club. He took over the presidency after last month's AWSA delegates' meeting on a short term basis.

MAKE A DATE

SYDNEY Olympic Junior SFC is holding its presentation night for the U13, 14, 15 and 16 teams at the Sydney Olympic Club at 223 Cope St, Waterloo. Everyone gathers at 7.30pm for a great time.

Chairman of the junior club is Nick Smilas, who for so many years toiled as secretary of the former Pan Hellenic senior club.



DOMINIC UNDER 13 'A' team . . . coached by Mr L. Stanford. The team ran out winners of the Tasmanian Secondary Schools Soccer Association Under 13 competition without a single defeat and having scored 81 goals while conceding only one.

(Photo by Walter Pless)



TWO teams from Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic who competed this year in the NSW Youth League. The U16 team did particularly well and were highly regarded by their opponents. The U15 competed well also. These snaps were taken at Arlington Oval at Dulwich Hill.



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NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NO TOP FOUR YET

AUBURN BOYS



JASON TRACEY
CLUBS: Crest, Bankstown City U/13.
POSITIONS: Right Half, Right Fullback.
PLAYING RECORD: Crest — premiers 1 year, runners-up 4 years, Bankstown — 1/2 season.
AMBITIONS: To be successful.
TOUR: Learning more about soccer.
ENJOYMENT: The team involvement.
STRENGTH: Strong in the air.
WEAKNESS: Slow on the turn.
AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE: Jim Patikas.
OVERSEAS FAVOURITE: Ray Clemence.
OTHER SPORT: Cricket.
COACH'S COMMENT: A polite boy who is keen to please. A good defender with intelligent distribution.



PAOLO RAGO
CLUBS: Condell Park, Bankstown Reps.
POSITIONS: Left Half, Left Wing, Centre Forward.
PLAYING RECORD: Condell Park — premiers 1 year, runners-up 5 years, Bankstown Reps — U/11 1982-4th.
AMBITION: To play for Australia.
TOUR: To get more experience at playing soccer at a different level.
ENJOYMENT: Scoring goals and learning as much about the game as I can.
STRENGTH: Strong in the air.
WEAKNESS: Defence.
AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE: Rod Brown.
OVERSEAS FAVOURITE: Paolo Rossi.
OTHER INTEREST: Stamp Collecting.
COACH'S COMMENT: Paul is 1 year younger than the rest of the team, but is one of the best players in the side. Good skills, understanding and trains well.

AS PREDICTED last week, the final composition of the 'Top Four' series still has not been decided as a result of the matches played this week, with lowly Wollongong Wolves fighting back to defeat Olympic 2-1 at St George Stadium, whilst other contenders A.I.S. suffered a narrow two goals to one defeat at the hands of the powerful Sydney Slickers.

Only Newcastle of the other top four contenders registered anything positive and that was by courtesy of a solitary own goal off a Leichhardt defender.

At the Bruce Stadium on Saturday evening the Sydney Slickers proved too strong for the Australian Institute lads and their domination was far greater than the scoreline might suggest.

The Slickers had goals disallowed for alleged in-

fringements, struck the A.I.S. woodwork twice, had the ball kicked off the line and penalty claims turned down.

Together with Tony Franken in his usual fine form, Warren Spink opened the scoring for A.I.S. against the run of play just before the half time break. Alex Bottalico got the equaliser for the Slickers in the 70th minute and Ian Bruce notched the winner from the penalty spot with a

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24	3	6	15	22	55	15

twice taken kick.

At St George Stadium on Sunday, the Wollongong Wolves provided the surprise of the weekend when they came back from a one goal to nil half time deficit to score two good goals through Paul Lawrence.

The Olympians were fancied to win this game comfortably and go on to secure a semi final spot with another win against second bottom Leichhardt next week-end. But now they have it all before them and must beat Leichhardt by at least five goals and hope that A.I.S. lose to Saint George by a similar margin.

In this game against the Wolves they should have won comfortably by five or six goals, but for some poor finishing by their strikers and dour defence from the Wolves and keeper David Curley. Louis Dounis scored for Olympic in the 43rd minute and the Wolves goals

arrived in the 63rd and 75th minutes.

At the Lake Macquarie Ground at Speers Point, Newcastle scraped home by a solitary goal by courtesy of Leichhardt defender Paul Moresso when he unfortunately deflected a Paul Gillogly cross into his own net in the 65th minute.

The Newcastle coach Keith Harris was full of praise for the Leichhardt side, who with nothing but their own pride at stake, made Newcastle fight every inch of the way.

The first half was fairly even but in the second, Newcastle had more of the play but found Leichhardt keeper Bobby Catlin in fine form.

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES
Sat. 1.10.83 St George v A.I.S. — St George Stadium 12.45pm
Sun. 2.10.83 Olympic v Leichhardt — St George Stadium 1.00pm

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

U21: Granville 4 Nepean 2, Sutherland 4 Gladesville 1, Manly 3 St George 0, Blacktown 3 Ku-Ring-Gai 1, Canterbury 4 Bankstown 1.

ALL AGE: Granville 3 Nepean 2, Gladesville 2 Albury 0, Sutherland Bye, Manly 2 St George 1, Ku-Ring-Gai 3 Macarthur 0, Blacktown 2 Sth & Eastern 1, Bankstown 2 Canterbury 1.

U18: Granville 4 Nepean 3, Sutherland 6 Gladesville 1, Manly 1 Wagga 0, Blacktown 4 Ku-Ring-Gai 3, Canterbury 2 Bankstown 1.

U17: Granville 8 Nepean 0, Sth Dist Bye, Gladesville 4 St George 3, Illawarra 2 Ku-Ring-Gai 0, Canterbury 3 Blacktown 1.

U16: Granville 4 Nepean 0, Sth Dist 2 Sutherland 0.

Gladesville 1 Manly 0, Wagga 2 Macarthur 0, Ku-Ring-Gai 3 Blacktown 2, Sth & East Bye, Canterbury 1 Bankstown 0.

U15: Granville 4 Nepean 0, Sth Dist 1 Griffith 0, Gladesville Bye, St George 4 Manly 0, Illawarra 4 Mitchell 1, Blacktown 2 Sth & Eastern 0, Bankstown 4 Canterbury 0.

U14: Granville 1 Nepean 0, Sth Dist v Sutherland (replay), Manly 3 Gladesville 0, Illawarra 7 St George 0, Blacktown 5 Mitchell 3, Canterbury 3 Sth & Eastern 0, Bankstown Bye.

U13: Granville 3 Nepean 1, Sutherland 3 Sth Dist 0, Gladesville v Manly (Gladesville won on corners), Illawarra 1 St George 0, Blacktown v Sth Eastern (replay), Canterbury 5 Bankstown 1, Mitchell Bye.

U12: Granville 2 Nepean 1, Sutherland 3 Sth Dist 2, Gladesville v Shoalhaven (replay), Macarthur 2 Ku-Ring-

Gai 0, Blacktown 3 Sth & East 1, Sth West Slopes 1 Canterbury 0, St George Bye.

U11: Granville 3 Nepean 2, Sutherland 3 Sth Dist 2, Gladesville 2 Manly 0, Ku-Ring-Gai 3 Macarthur 2, Blacktown 2 Sth & Eastern 0, Bankstown 2 Canterbury 0.

U10: Granville 3 Nepean 2, Sth Dist Bye, Sutherland 3 Gladesville 1, Manly 1 St George 0, Macarthur 1 Ku-Ring-Gai 0, Blacktown 2 Sth Eastern 1, Canterbury 2 Bankstown 0.

U9: Granville 3 Nepean 1, Sutherland 3 Sth Dist 1, Gladesville 3 Manly 1, Macarthur 1 St George 0, Blacktown 1 Sth Eastern 0, Bankstown 1 Canterbury 0.

U8: Granville 1 Nepean 0, Sth Dist 3 Gladesville 1, Macarthur 1 St George 0, Blacktown 1 Sth & Eastern 0, Canterbury 1 Bankstown 0.

Next Sunday lay-day. Round 3 played on October 9.

KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

1984 YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

Selection trials will be held for 1984 season at Warrimoo Oval, Warrimoo Rd, St Ives.

Under 13 & 14: Wednesday, October 26, November 2 & 9 (5.30pm to 7.30pm).

Under 15 & 16: Monday, October 24 & 31st, and November 7 (5.30pm to 7.30pm).

Applications for rep. coaches close 10th October.
All enquiries: Phil Jones — Director of Coaching
487 3635 or Phil Rees — Rep. Convenor 44 2190.

SERDERON PRIZE



AFTER this week's issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, judging goes ahead of the excellent stories and pictures sent to us over the year by members of the great band of enthusiasts involved in junior and schools Soccer.

The handsome prizes for the competition have been made available by Mr Steve Serda, managing director of Serderon Pty Ltd, suppliers of plastic bags and wrappings to retail shops, commerce and industry.

We feel sure that Serderon's contribution to Soccer through AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, has done wonders to raise the level of publicity in Soccer in the district ranks and schools.

This not only applies to Sydney, but to many parts of various States that regularly receive their ASW.

Although the Serderon Prize entries have been completed for 1983, there are many ASW issues to go, so we look forward to receiving more of your photos and news for publication in our extensive junior coverage.



BIG BOYS!

THE champion Fairfield Heights U8 Div. 1 team which won its competition grand final 1-0 against Moorebank. The side, which was competition minor premiers, also won the Brown Jug Trophy, and the Yagoona knock-out competition. The team is representing the Southern Districts Soccer Association in the U/8 State "Champion-of-Champions" competition.

BACK: Louie Diglandomenico (coach), Victor Osborn, Heber Silla, Michael Ditte, Terry Osborn, Wayne Schembri (manager).

MIDDLE: Adam Mammoliti, Verino D'Astolito, Paolo Gentile, Alan Prnjak, Campbell Clout.

FRONT: Davide Giansante, Davide D'Alfonso, Marco Giandomenico, Dennis Tot, Mark Campagnolo.

YEAR OF '83



60!

THE Hurlstone Park Wanderers SFC recently celebrated its 60th Anniversary.

The club was formed in 1924 by the late Bill Brackenbury, a local resident with a genuine dedication to youth and Soccer.

He held the positions of secretary and treasurer from 1924 to 1968 — 44 years of giving, that was seen as an example to those around him at the time and to those who were to follow.

Hurlstone Park Soccer Club's home ground has always been Ewen Park.

The size of the club has fluctuated over the years, but teams from it have always been a force to be reckoned with on the field each season.

Hurlstone Park Wanderers won the Canterbury and District Soccer Football Associations Club Championship Trophy 3 years after its introduction in 1950, snatching it away from Lakemba Soccer Club by just one point, and clung desperately to it the following year, beating Canterbury Soccer Club by only 4 points.

Since then Hurlstone Park has been among many other worthy clubs to win the coveted trophy.

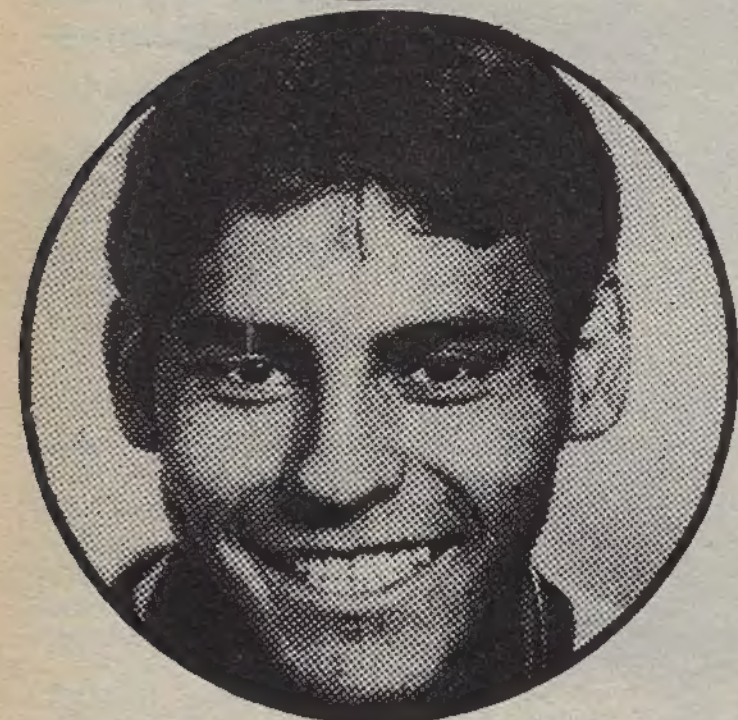
This club has not restricted itself to high quality Soccer. Its membership is open to anyone interested in belonging to a soccer team whether male or female.

Four of their most popular current members are these little kids (pictured): Sheradyn Frank, Bianca Joseph, Therese Tieney and Flynn Millar who are members of the under 6 and under 7 years teams.

The club performs an irreplaceable service to its local community and has been sponsored over the years by most of the local businesses and a number of individual residents.

This year in recognition of the contribution various people have made to the successful running of the club, awards for five and ten years active service will be presented to those who have earned them.

Helen Saad



COSMOS' CABANAS!

ROBERTO CABANAS is top goalscorer in the North American League with 25 goals, so it's not surprising his club, Cosmos, have signed him up on a new long-term contract.

"I am very happy it is all settled," said Cabanas, who originally came from Paraguay.

Cabanas joined the New York team in 1980 after being transferred from Cerro Porteno in his home country.

At 22, this prolific goalscorer attracted attention from several NASL clubs but he admitted: "I've wanted to stay with Cosmos all along."

He shares with Giorgio Chinaglia the distinction of being the only Cosmos player to exceed 50 "points" in a season. This season, Cabanas collected 66 points for 25 goals plus 16 "assists."

OVERSEAS RESULTS

GREECE	W	D	L	F	A	P
E'kos v P'nios	2-2					
Egaleo v P'raikos	2-0					
Paok v O'kos	4-0					
K'maria v Aek	1-0					
Iraklis v Ap Athens	3-0					
Ofi v Larisa	2-0					
Doxa v P'naikos	0-0					
Yannina v Aris	0-1					

ITALY	W	D	L	F	A	P
A'line v Udinese	2-1					
Catania v S'doria	1-1					
F'tina v Ascoli	2-1					
Genoa v Lazio	0-0					
Inter v Torino	0-0					
Juventus v Napoli	2-0					
Roma v Milan	3-1					
Verona v Pisa	2-0					

SWITZERLAND	W	D	L	F	A	P
Basle v Chiasso	4-1					
Lausanne v Lucerne	3-1					
G'hopper v Aarau	4-1					
Sion v Vevey	7-1					
B'zone v Young Boys	0-3					
Fribourg v Bulle	2-1					
La C. De F. v Servette	1-3					
St Gall v N'chatel	1-1					

YUGOSLAVIA	W	D	L	F	A	P
Di Vinkovci v Rad Nis	3-0					
Hajduk v Velez	2-0					
Slo Tuzla v Red Star	0-3					
Z'car S'jevo v Vardar	3-0					
B Titograd v Osijek	0-0					
Pristina v Celik Zen	1-0					
Partizan v Sarajevo	2-0					
Rijeka v V'dina NS	2-1					
Di Zagreb v O L'jana	2-0					

HOLLAND	W	D	L	F	A	P
Utrecht v DS'79	3-1					
Willem v Sp R'dam	1-2					
Pec v Ex R'dam	2-0					
Volendam v Roda JC	1-1					
Hel Sp v PSV	1-5					
Sittard v AZ'67	0-0					
F'noord v Deventer	2-0					
Haarlem v Ajax	3-3					
D Bosch v G'ningen	0-0					

REAL'S TARGET SHAW, WALSH

REAL MADRID started the new Spanish season badly — and this has made them particularly keen to import some English talent.

They have two players lined up for their forward line, Gary Shaw of Aston Villa and Paul Walsh of Luton Town.

Shaw and Walsh were in Australia this year with the touring English international squad.

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BRAZIL's Guarani FC were in serious financial strife so they sold most of their stars. It solved the problem, but only for a while.

Guarani, due to the absence of their stars, have experienced an attendance slump. So they're back in financial strife!



Allan Simonsen

'BAN POM FANS'

IN EUROPEAN football, England's name is mud — thanks to the unruly spectators who have caused so much damage at international matches on the continent.

Now England team boss Bobby Robson has appealed to the thugs: "Stay away from our big games."

Robson said: "It made me sick to sit in splendid overseas stadiums, like

those in Turin and Copenhagen, and watch English so-called fans running riot.

"It made me ashamed to be an Englishman.

"These people are scum but they drive genuine

supporters away from Soccer.

"What puzzles me is why we never saw such people in my playing days with Fulham and West Brom — or when I played 20 times for England."

FLAMENGO, one of the world's leading clubs, are having problems.

Their president, Antonio Augusto Dunshee Abranches, resigned last month.

Their head coach, Carlos Alberto Torres, was then sacked. His crime? Flamengo were beaten by old rivals Botafogo 3-0.

After the great Zico's defection to Udinese in Italy, Flamengo have found it difficult finding a replacement.

Flamengo have now appointed a caretaker-coach, Jose Roberto Francelacci. His profession is... physical training instructor.

MORENA MAY QUIT

URUGUAYAN ace Fernando Morena may have to quit football.

In the international match in which Uruguay beat Venezuela 3-0, Morena was tackled severely by Antonio Torres and his leg was broken.

It is feared Morena — one of Uruguay's greatest players — may not make a full recovery.

GREAT DANES EXPOSE THE ENGLISHMEN

ONE of the most amazing results in the long history of European Soccer was last week's 1-0 win for Denmark over England at Wembley Stadium.

Before the match, the Fleet Street critics were scathing in their criticism of Denmark's team.

Some even accused the English F.A. of giving Denmark a flatteringly false build-up as a means of boosting what threatened to be a poor attendance at Wembley.

The general feeling among the press was — let's go through the formality of wiping the floor with Denmark and then get on with the important match in this European Championship Group against Hungary.

The knockers couldn't have been more wrong. Even though Denmark fielded a team of part-time professionals, amateurs and mercenaries from several clubs around Europe, they completely dominated the Wembley game.

The result, in fact, flattered the highly-paid full-timers of England, even though Denmark had to rely on a penalty kick (36 minutes) by Allan Simonsen for their victory.

Australian Soccer spectators, who did not rate England in the June matches in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, were 100 per cent correct.

The lesson from Wembley is that English football has skidded disastrously downhill to the point at which the true stars can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

There is an alarming shortage of genuine talent. In the past, small nations like Denmark were brushed aside with contempt by England. That no longer applies.

Clearly team manager Bobby Robson faces a huge rebuilding task. He has very few skilful players with the qualifications to replace the men who flopped against the Danes at Wembley.

For the immediate assignment — against Hungary in Budapest next month — Robson may have to sink his pride and call for help from veterans like Trevor Brooking and Kevin Keegan.

That would, indeed, be putting the clock back.

SOCRATES, Paulo Isodoro, Falcao, Zico, Edinho and Cerrezo were all missing when Brazil beat Ecuador 5-0 in Rio. Brazil lined up:—

Leao, Leandro, Marcio, Mozer, Junior, Tita, Jorginho, Renato, Renato Gauchao, Roberto and Eder. Goals from Renato Gauchao, Eder, Tita and Robertson (2).

ARGENTINA DOES CRY

"ALMOST as great a disaster as losing the Malvinas." That's how an Argentine Soccer commentator summed up the latest injury to star midfielder Ossie Ardiles.

It is remarkable how, despite the great animosity between Argentina and England, Ardiles is still regarded by many Argentinians as their local hero.

Football, of course, transcends politics. And even if Ardiles is a professional with London club Tottenham Hotspur, he still has many fans "back home" in South America.

Last week, Ardiles was admitted to a London nursing home for yet another operation on the leg he broke last February.

The Argentinian ace has been told he will not be able to play football for at least three months: Indeed this operation could mean the end of his distinguished career.

After breaking the leg against Manchester City on February 5, Ossie made a comeback in April in a reserve match but was kicked on the injury

and didn't play for the rest of the season.

In August, the leg was injured for a third time in a pre-season friendly fixture. The player made yet another comeback a week ago with Spurs reserves at Ipswich but limped off after half an hour.

He may have a metal plate put in the troublesome leg.

Spurs don't expect to see Ardiles in action this year but they're hoping he can be back into the action in January for the third round of the FA Cup.



Ossie Ardiles

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